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EDITORIAL

Realising that the end of first term is nigh, and the deluge of academic work has now become ominously present, most students seem to be feeling the strain of their courses. It is unfortunate then, that two students in particular will feel the strain of academic life more pronounced due to a bizarre assault which occurred on Monday the 23rd. It was with a combined feeling of piercing rage, bitter disgust, and anguish that I was to learn of the deranged and senseless mutilation of two ANU students on campus.

It may seem like closing the proverbial gate after the horse has bolted, but the incident violently illustrates the immediate need to upgrade and improve the lighting and security on campus. The fact that many students use the library facilities after dark as well as attending lectures calls for careful attention from the University Administration. This issue in particular needs to be rectified in the near future considering that violent and perverse assaults have occurred on campus in the past, and probably will occur in the future. Surprisingly groups such as Women on Campus and other student bodies have advocated extensive safeguards for students after dark over the years, but to no avail. The important thing to realise is that any student, regardless of physical size, gender or capacity, is running the risk of being savagely assaulted during the night. On this issue then, I urge all students to actively support the cause of upgrading lighting and security, and reduce the needless anxiety that has been placed on students wishing to use university facilities at night.

On a similar note, the remaining staff of Woroni would like to express their regret at the unfortunate illness that has befallen Mark Brickwell who is forced to leave us.

Finally, on an issue of current Woroni policy, it is standard practice to guarantee articles and letters security from immediate rebuttal. In the case of Kendall Odgers' Peace Rally article, the Student Disarmament Group approached the author, and obtained his permission to make an immediate reply in this issue. Similar replies in future will only be printed on the condition that permission is given by the author.

Have a good holiday (if you can afford the time and money), see you next term.

Rohan Firminger.

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Dear Editors,

At long last Woroni is a paper that the students want to read. I am particularly impressed with Wesley Phoa's writing and the somewhat purple prose used by John Taylor in Fabrique.

I think that Woroni this year has to be better than last year's; the 'readability' has increased and all factors point to the paper reaching a dramatic climax in time for the elections later this year.

One last point. Woroni has in its articles a variety this year. If you want to be gruesome you could read 'Gutpuncher', delightfully nasty - well done John on not being slanted, you had a go at everybody. I have mentioned Phoa's comedy and Taylor's wit and I am sure that further experience will improve their styles.

Kelson's concise 'Undercurrent' is as good as it ever was, 'Campus Briefs' is excellent, even the 'Bash Anderson' column is turning a few heads. On the whole, the paper is a success. Keep up the good work people, cater for all tastes and you can't go wrong.

Yours,

Louis Thomas.

P.S. have you noticed how many people are actually reading Woroni.

Dear Anon.,

In reply to your poem (?) in Woroni/Moroni No. 4 - having known people who have attempted suicide - some of whom having succeeded - I can find nothing whatever in favour of the self pitying trip which you had published.

Suicide is in no way poetic - it is an act of ultimate despair and mental anguish - not the subject of some Clever Dick's piece of verse (and I use this latter term loosely). Why don't you take your self-aggrandising "depression" elsewhere - I understand that Antarctica is really something at this time of year.

I'd have more pity for a rabid dog - at least they have more self-respect and self discipline.

M. Chandler

Dear Woroni,

I am writing to you as an official protest against the revolting slop I am made to eat in my residential college. Usually it tastes like cow-shit. And they call it "catering"!

I am surprised to discover that no-one in my college has yet died of food-poisoning! The standard of meals is abysmal!

Yesterday I ate a sausage-roll from the refectory, and it was the best meal I've had this year! If this isn't proof of how bad my hall's meals are, what is?

Please note that it isn't just me who dislikes the food. Both of my next-door-neighbours say that just the smell is enough to make them puke.

What can I do about these awful culinary standards?

Yours,

A worried Burton & Garran resident

Dear Editors,

Concerning Luke Chess's article on Philosophy at ANU, the only reason why Philosophy, along with masturbation, was 'restricted severely by the Christian church' was that it is merely a form of verbal masturbation. Not because it offers any threat to the Christian doctrine! So keep wanking Luke.

Yours not-at-all-sincerely,
'Aristotle Wanka'

Dear Editors,

I would like to fall into step with your enlightened correspondent, John Stilton, who so perceptively gives slack students their marching orders in the 4th issue of 'Woroni'. However, in my humble view he doesn't go far enough: much more could be learnt from those upstanding young Australians out at Duntroon.

I think his idea of a university uniform is absolutely splendid, but surely we can't have all students wearing the same uniform. As in the army there should be a clear designation of status, and uniforms should be compulsory for all members of the university not just students. I suggest a system of shoulder stripes on an otherwise black uniform: first year students don't deserve stripes as they've got to prove themselves; 2nd year students get two stripes; 3rd year students become the sergeants of campus life; honours students lieutenants, and so on up to the professors who become campus generals. Perhaps Arts students should be made to wear yellow armbands to designate them from Science students who have more moral fibre and tackle the real questions of life (e.g. just how many people are killed and maimed by nuclear weapons of various types; instead of trifling with unmeasurable things such as "human suffering"). In fact one may question what place the Faculty of Arts would have in the new campus (or "Newcamp"): apart from breeding sexual and other depravity, surely it is more effective to liquidate someone with whom you disagree than to confront them with intellectual dribble? Perhaps the old Arts buildings could be taken over by a new School of Anti-Pacifism Studies.

Compulsory physical activity is obviously important. Successive lectures could be placed as far apart as possible so that students must sprint to their next lecture (there would of course be punishment for those arriving late). Perhaps, in fact, one could do away with many of the lectures, which often cause lethargy. One could educate students to a large extent by placing loudspeakers in many of the trees on campus, and on the barbed-wire fence which would surround it, spreading the good word on a closed loop tape prepared by our benign Vice Marshallor. This way students could march almost continuously around the campus without missing the day's lesson.

Finally I'd like to say how proud and happy it makes me, both as an Australian and as a student, to learn that there are other enlightened people marching the quiet paths of the Australian National University.

Yours with great sincerity,

Dear Editors, Robert Magrath.

Good men often have bad children, and the sincere do often times beget hypocrites... but whether because of the moistness of my brain, or because of the softness of my heart, I cannot tell. I see dirt in mine own tears, and filthiness in the bottom of my prayers.

John Bunyan.

The much-maligned Alex Anderson may have tears of mud. His prayers might even be deluded and contemptible. But that does not justify personal, *ad hominem* attacks by the messrs of the AGL. There are cleaner ways of saying your piece and having your fun.

Joshua G.

Dear Editors,

With the unscrupulous passion of your last issue still ringing in my ears, I set pen to paper somewhat hesitantly. What secret still-bleeding wounds might yet again be inadvertently grazed, what screams whimpers gurgles hiccups and snarls of AGL wrath might yet again banshee-like descend, what demonically silly heading you editorial cuties might put on my letter: these things, it is not given to mortal minds to know. Anyway.

The first thing is, why I object to "grave-faced soldiers of the Marxist revolution". My friends and comrades are no Bolsheviks: we have no desire to overthrow one system of domination, only to replace it with another. This is no soldierly revolution (marching in unison, stamping heavy boots, taking orders and taking aim). This is no military crisis of state power, this is a total (and careful) transformation, which cheerfully and resolutely embraces my friends and comrades not as soldiers but as lovers, dancers, parents, gardeners, teachers, sages and mystics, cooks and clowns (oh, and trade-unionists too). Alright, so we take politics seriously, we talk seriously in Woroni. But really... For David Barz (who has actually attended Left Alliance meetings, who must have some idea of what was going on in Men and Feminism last year, who has been invited to numerous SDG festivities) to write of "humourless close-mindedness" and "dogmatic, depersonalised ideologies that refuse self analysis" in the ANU context, is really extremely peculiar. Has he never met any Trotskyists, or what?? He has seen lefties mucking about. So we don't criticise each other in public: would he really appreciate a Woroni saturated with the interminable tangled-up revelry-and-anguish of self-analysis (some might call it gossip) that we enjoy amongst ourselves? We have more discretion about our self-indulgence than that.

The second thing is, the Do-it-yourself Left Article forgot category 12 adjectives (dialectical fetishistic epistemological historicist idealist naturalised luke-warm collective squiggly consumerist).

The third thing would have been, Descartes-subjectivity-individualism-consciousness-sociality-autonomy-truth-struggle etc. etc. but that's been put off due to the weather.

And the fourth thing is, if you're looking for good humour and high spirits, just remember no-one has a monopoly on irony okay?

Dear Editors, Alex Anderson

I'm sure most people would agree with me in saying that Alex Anderson's most recent outburst (Woroni No. 3) was childish and boring. What a pity that the AGL followed so well in his footsteps.

I was under the impression that the AGL wanted to write humorous entertaining articles (like The-Do-It-yourself-Left Article) however they have proved me wrong. Their dissection of Alex's letter was equally boring if not more juvenile than Alex's outburst. (The AGL didn't use words as big or sentences as long as pompous as Alex did.)

Dear AGL please remember your well used slogan 'Levity not Gravity' and if you can't write anything entertaining (funny, interesting, etc. etc.) don't write anything at all.

Love

Dimitry Koo

Dear Mango, Jacky and Frogmonger

My attention has been drawn to certain posters placed around the campus in which I am described as a "dangerous right-wing wanker".

I do not mind being called "dangerous"; I think it is quite flattering. Senator Chip once described me as "amiable", and I consider that far less complimentary.

And our amateur (and amateurish) artist might like to consider the wisdom of calling someone a "wanker" on a poster which depicts that person performing a feat of puppetry clearly requiring a minimum of six fingers.

But I take offence at being called "right-wing". In 1983 my preferences almost elected the leader of the left faction in the Canberra ALP, marc Robinson, to the Senate. At the 1982 ACT House of Assembly election the Right to Life leaders took particular pains to identify me as a pro-abortion candidate. What more do I have to do - perhaps set fire to myself and jump off the Crawford Library waving a red flag shouting "Bobby Sands Lives"?

Normally I would not worry, since the people apparently responsible for the poster possess the distinctly right-wing attribute of being about as credible as Richard Nixon. And being abused by the ANU Left is the sort of endorsement that money can't buy - not because they are above taking bribes, but because most of them come from filthy rich upper-crust families and already have more of the stuff than then know what to do with.

However as the poster bears no authorisation (a wise precaution, since to incorrectly call someone "right-wing" probably constitutes defamation) some new students unaware of its authors and having never heard of me, since I am around three times their age and finished University years ago, may think that there might be some truth in the allegation. I am therefore writing to assure your readers that there isn't.

Yours in all seriousness,

Ian Rout
National Secretary
Deadly Serious Party
of Australia

Dear Eds,

What a pity that some articles written for Woroni can't be lost. A prime example of material that should be lost for the public good is anything written by John Taylor.

Last Woroni contained at least three of Mr Taylor's articles, all of which were atrocious. Public opinion seems to agree with me in saying that his writing style - or lack of it - leaves much to be desired. In fact some students have suggested physical means by which John Taylor could be prevented from writing this garbage i.e. breaking all his fingers or surgically removing his writing hand.

Please, I implore you, for the sanity of the campus and Mr Taylor's personal safety - don't publish the crap he writes.

Regards to Mr Taylor

anon.

Dear Eds,

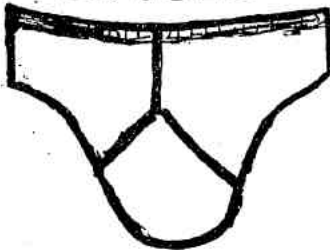
Can John Taylor be cured?
Is John Taylor terminal?
Should you throw yourself under a bus after talking to John Taylor?

Can anyone explain John Taylor in 25 words or less, without being very rude?

Signed,

Curious.

Campus Briefs



NEW CHANCELLOR

The Chief Justice of the ACT Supreme Court, Sir Richard Blackburn, has become our new Chancellor, replacing Sir John Crawford. Sir John was the University's Vice-Chancellor from 1968 to 1973 and Chancellor since 1976.

Mr Justice Blackburn has been Pro-Chancellor at ANU since 1976 and has also headed the ACT Supreme Court since 1977. Sir John, a noted agriculturalist, continues to serve on committees and bodies dealing with agricultural development.

DISCRIMINATION RIFE?

Figures given in Dr Marian Sawyer's recent report on equal opportunity at ANU reveal that while 43.5 percent of ANU staff were women, they formed only 1.18 percent of the 253 top salary earners on campus. Women formed only 10.5 percent of the academic staff, well below the 18.6 percent average for Australian universities. There were also twice as many women academics in the faculties as there were in the research schools.

Dr Sawyer's six-month study made 82 recommendations which, she believed, would help put things right, including the appointment of an equal opportunity officer, the right of full time employees to convert automatically to fractional appointments for a specified period after child-birth and a full-scale survey on childcare.

NO NUKES - an alternative

The Pro-Nuclear Lobby, a group of ANU students trying to gain affiliation with the Students' Association, now has 11 signed up members, only four short of the 15 signatures needed to gain affiliation.

Law degree by correspondence for ANU oarsman Merrick Howes, a fourth year law student, will be spending several weeks studying by correspondence when he goes to Melbourne to train for the World Rowing Championships to be held in Montreal in August. Howes was selected to row in the Australian lightweight eight which is strongly favoured to win gold at the championships. Nick Hunter, also from the ANU Boat Club and a resident of Ursula College, has been selected as reserve for the crew and will also go to Melbourne and Montreal. There is a strong possibility that Hunter will be in the crew that rows in Montreal if current members of the crew continue to have difficulties finding form.

FRACTIONS?

If you think ANU has enough different political groups to confuse the voter, an insight into the political complexity of the Monash Students' body politic can be gained by glancing through

the latest issue of Lot's Wife, their student newspaper. Apart from independents there are candidates representing the Evangelical Union, Liberal Club, ALP Club, Moderate Students Alliance, Australian Democrats, Independent Student Initiative, Freedom of Information Ticket, Amnesty International, Fresh Approach Team and Independent Left. They are running for a variety of positions including, Monash Association of Students, Ombuds-person, Public Affairs Committee, Academic Progress Committee, Union House Committee and the Religious Centre Committee.

Tea-lady tips would go to Philip Semmel, contesting the Religious Centre Advisory Committee position on the platform of "More Beer, more BBQs".

AUS PHONE-IN

The Australian Union of Students will hold a national 'phone-in' on Tuesday, May 1, to canvass student opinion in the lead-up to the federal Budget. You can call the AUS representatives in Canberra on 48 7127 and tell them what you think about education spending, between 9am and 9pm.

Complaints and suggestions will be included in the AUS pre-Budget submission.

WHAT BECAME OF . . .

Everybody, it seems, knew Larry Anderson for one reason or another. It his first year on campus he got together a group of independent students and took control of Woroni. In his second year he was elected president of the Students' Association, a position political intrigue prevented him from assuming. He spent his third year unsuccessfully fighting a protracted legal battle against a political decision to invalidate his election.

After completing his B.A. in Asian Studies last year, Larry left Canberra and, since then, numerous reports of his whereabouts were received suggesting, variously, he was a chef in Perth, a storeman in Sydney and shearing in Wagga.

Campus Briefs tracked him down last week. He has recently started working for Senator Robertson N.T. (Lab.), as an electoral assistant. As his work involves regular trips to Canberra, this familiar figure will no doubt visit campus soon.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Much of my time is spent representing 'student interests' on the committees which ostensibly run this University. In light of this, I thought I'd present a 'concept' report this time (a la Mike Oldfield and Pink Floyd et al's 'concept albums') focusing on important questions that have arisen on committees I've sat on in the last little while.

Council: the supreme decision-making body of the University met on Friday the 13th. The meeting had a packed agenda with the major items of interest for students being . . .

Equal Employment Opportunities Report - Dr Marian Sawyer was appointed last year to conduct a review of ANU staffing and to put forward recommendations to overcome discrimination (conscious or not) on the basis of sex, race, etc. in employment practices at ANU.

A similar report was commissioned years ago, which put forward a series of recommendations, a number of which have been implemented. Since that report, the proportion of women in higher status jobs at ANU has actually

dropped. Employment rates of women in ANU's academic positions lags behind the national average (including military colleges) and the national average, you'll see from the attached graphs/figures, isn't that hot either! There was much support expressed for the principles and intention of E.E.O. but the recommendations were considered to raise many complex administrative and academic questions and the major action recommendations were referred to the academic boards and senior administrators for further consideration before implementation. The relevant boards and administrators are to report back by August.

Major recommendations of Dr Sawyer's report included . . .

- that Council adopt an equal opportunity statement of policy.
- that all handbooks, calendars and advertisements for staff include a reference to the University's Equal Opportunity Policy.
- that the University employs an EEO Officer to establish and maintain its EEO program.
- that women be included on the functions committees in the Institute of Advanced Studies and the Faculties where need be, by modifying the composition of the committee.
- that consideration be given to the need to provide more adequate career opportunities for women in keyboard and clerical classifications.
- that Council use its powers to ensure the adequate representation of women on major decision making bodies.
- that knowledge of scholarship on women or gender be included as an important criterion for new appointments in humanities and social sciences at the ANU in all departments or centres in which women form less than 25 percent of academic staff.

Of particular interest to undergraduates were the recommendations relating to sexual harassment grievance procedures. Dr Sawyer endorsed the guidelines of the S.H.G.C. which has been working on the implementation of grievance procedures since late last year. Recommendations on this were referred to the University Secretary. Since the Vice-Chancellor has had the Sexual Harassment Grievance Committee's proposals for a number of months, I'm concerned that there should be as little further delay as possible.

General Services Fee. As mentioned last ish the Hawke government is about to amend various proscriptive sections of the ANU Act that have hampered student organizations for the last few years. There was little discussion of the conflicting reports from the GSF Advisory Committee and the matter was referred to Council's Finance Committee for further consideration before a decision is taken at next Council in May.

Non-Student Swimming Pool - aquatic apartheid moved a step closer at Council with the defeat of a student motion asking Council for in principle support for a 'community' pool and the establishment of a committee to look into joint staff/student funding of such a proposal. It was felt that students organizations were clearly not in a financial position to contribute to further major capital works. The progress of the Staff Amenities Fund pool proposal is especially disturbing since there appears to be little support or enthusiasm amongst staff for the idea.

Resources Committee of Board of Faculties (consists of faculty deans, dean of students, president) is the body which decides funding questions for the teaching faculties. One of the major questions exercising the minds of committee members has been the handing over of responsibility for funding decisions to individual faculties. Part of this process has been to establish 'faculty bases' a series of figures to act as guides for staffing levels for each Faculty. On figures for academic staff, Arts and Science are over their faculty bases and will be expected to meet their proposed level over the next couple of years. Another major problem confronting Science is the difficulty they will have in meeting their faculty base for support staff. Science is such that it relies heavily on technical and other support staff to supplement academic input. As the Faculty base stands Science has too many support staff. This will come as a surprise to many students, whose experience of studying in the Faculty may not bear this out. The restrictions their faculty base will place on them has serious (may dire!) implications for Science. Recently Computer Science sought to replace a staff member who'd resigned. Computer Science level of support staff runs at about half the national average for comparable departments. The position remains unfilled to allow the Faculty to consider its 'priorities' - i.e. whether the position will remain unfilled in order to help Science.

S.A. Meeting - at the S.A. meeting before last I was called on to provide a written account of the progress of the Student Representative Council. I've had no comments on this so far - I presume that people are either speechless with rage or are happy with the situation. Also I was directed to write to the Attorney-General expressing the SA's opposition to the draconian Criminal Code to be introduced into the Northern Territory's Legislative Assembly. Amongst other things this Code, if passed, would reverse the onus of proof - guilty until proven innocent. I have written to Senator Evans expressing opposition to the Code but as yet have received no reply - not even an acknowledgement.

See you next term.

Peter Taylor.

Distribution of Employees between Academic and General Staff

	All Employees***	Women Employees****
Academic	30.7	6.5
General	69.3	93.5
	100.0	100.0

Women as a Percentage of each Academic Rank in The Faculties ANU, and at Macquarie University 1983*

Rank	ANU	Macquarie University
Professor	2.7	8.0
Associate Professor/Reader	9.7	8.0
Senior Lecturer	8.4	15.0
Lecturer	24.7	32.0
Senior Tutor	48.1	50.0
Tutor	52.3	55.0

* Source: Statistical Officer, 11 October 1983 and Eyland, 1983: 22.

MILTON SAVE ME!!

THE PLAINTIVE CRY OF AN
ECONOMICS STUDENT

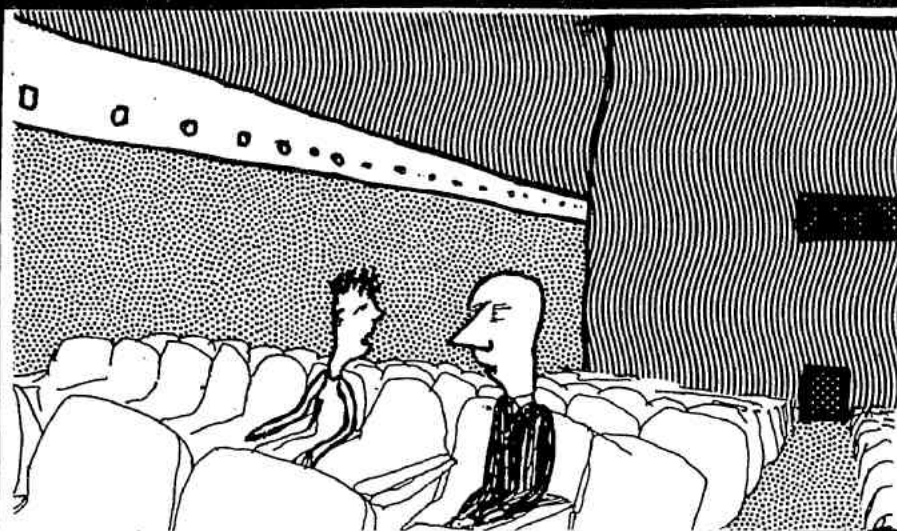
The Library's rationalization of collections based on Library of Congress classification (rather than user-demand) will mean that Economics, Econometrics and Eco. History books, presently held in Chifley will be moved to the Menzies. Meanwhile Commerce and Public Finance will remain in the Chifley.

Between 2/3 and 3/4 of Economics students are also enrolled in Commerce - thus up to 3/4 of Eco. undergrads will need references in two libraries. While this may not seem a daunting task, it would mean that during a 2-3 hour lecture break you have to pack up and shift from library to library. Twenty minutes is, again, not much but over weeks and months adds up to considerable periods of wasted time.

The situation is considerably worse for Eco students including statistics, computer science or maths in their courses. Books on these subject areas have been moved to Crawford Library.

The Librarian has made it clear that short loan material for all undergrad courses will be held in Chifley, so that students will have all course material on hand. In speaking with lecturers of later year eco units, they felt it was essential for students to consult more widely than set texts and other short-loan material. For these reasons, students will be affected by these changes and should make every effort to stop this happening.

Chris Long



HECTORINGS & KOINGS

Films Ancient and Modern

Editorial notes: Two students, one Ancient and one Modern, form our team of film reviewers. Hector Kinloch, a part-time and mature-age student, relies heavily on the Communications and Study Skills Unit to help him with the statistical side of Anthropology. Hector not only upholds but is a walking embodiment of Gravity. Apples bounce unharmed from his head. Dimity Koo, a full-time first-year student who is wavering between Accounting and Fine Art is discovering that assignments are now due and so has cut back to five films per week. An apple, to Dimity, is an anti-gravity computer. She is having difficulty with lecturers who insist that essays should be in on time!

Dimity: I'm very sorry I missed seeing *Tender Mercies*. One of my housemates tells me that you sobbed all the way through.

Hector: Well I was having a minor eye complaint that week which required a regular use of handkerchieves. I must say that *Tender Mercies* did speak to my condition! *T.M.* is about the salvation of a failed, drunken late middle-aged country-and-western singer by a young widow. Yes, I agree that many of us can be rescued by sheer feminine goodness; and this produced a few tears. Robert Duvall is superb as a man "surprised by joy" as he makes a fresh start. What's more he sings several low-key and unassumingly charming ballads. I hope you will be able to see it on its next appearance at Electric Shadows. They had to double the length of the season. Above all the understated, softly lyrical direction of Bruce Beresford brings lower-middle America to life. His treatment of Texas is one of the best things he has done. Perhaps it takes an Australian eye to see the loneliness of an American western landscape. The film also is graced by Russell Boyd's photography, George Dreyfuss's music and William Anderson's editing. All Australians - holding a mirror to America.

Dimity: William Anderson. I think I recognized his name in the credits to *Razorback*, Another Australian movie.

Hector: Yes, Anderson has a very tough job to overcome gimmicky sets, over-plush camerawork, a ridiculous script and terrible acting. Even Judy Morris stumbled badly. One of the worst ever Australian films.

Dimity: There you go being elitist again. You expect too much. The Anti-Gravity League thought it was all a marvellous giggle. We loved that monstrous hog which reminded us of certain male chauvinists in the Union Bar. There's a certain professor who is now known as "Razorback". Many of the scenes were like souped-up videoclips. Gorgeous. Let's move on to the ANU Film Club. At last I received a full-length program, and I'm very impressed. After we get back from the Easter break we will be able to see some brilliant double-features including a double Werner Herzog on Tuesday 24 April. This time of term we need blood transfusions, so I'll be off to see *Nosferatu: The Vampire*.

Hector: (repelled). I prefer their special revolutionary program on May Day. All the students in "Modern Revolutions" should be there for Eisenstein's *October*; and Pudovkin's *The End of St Petersburg*, which recalls the events of 1917. Indeed, I want to eat my very scathing words about the Film Group programmers. They are bringing us the best of Chaplin (*Modern Times* and *The Great Dictator*) on the 10th of May. However, back they go to garbage with *An American Werewolf in London*.

Dimity: Hector, you just don't appreciate technical excellence. *Werewolf* does for make-up what Cadbury's chocolate does for milk. My eye-shadow hasn't been the same since I first saw Rick Baker's genius at work. And Michael Jackson loved it.

Hector: Who is Michael Jackson?

Dimity: Forget it. I suppose you sat through the Oscar ceremonies. They are obviously geared to senile stay-at-homes who want to relive the days when Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers did all those silly military two-steps.

Hector: That's blasphemy. Ginger herself made an appearance which put Shirley Maclaine on the shade. Shirley is still far too young, obviously, to play grandmotherly roles. What was your reaction to *Terms of Endearment*;

Dimity: What a rip-off. Another Hollywood soap opera about affluent Americans with high-level anxieties. The only good thing in the picture was Jack Nicholson's portrayal of a typical middle-aged slob. Why are you all like that? So patronising. So lecherous. So Porky.

Hector: (drawing in his stomach.) Sometimes, Dimity, you can be very cruel. Surely you can see in Jack a shy young lad in need of care and comfort. As for his figure, I sense a new trend of reverence and admiration for robust rotundity. The new fashion, I suspect, in desirable male appearance will be in the direction of the mature, convex body representing achievement, solidity, balance and good taste. Thin Men have had their day.

Dimity: (unbelievably) Let's move on to to the Electric Shadows program during the so-called vacation. Alas I'll be back

in Turrumurra helping mother with her early winter social calendar; but I might get back in time for Gerard Depardieu in Wajda's *Danton*. Now Gerard really does have a male presence which is mesmerising. You can throw Jack N. to the werewolves!

Hector: I look forward to comparing *Danton* with *La Nuit de Varennes*. The French Revolution's time has come. See you there!

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REVIEW OF TOAD HALL

The Vice-Chancellor has appointed a Committee to report to him on the effectiveness of the existing arrangements relating to the government and management (including financial management) of Toad Hall. The Vice-Chancellor has asked the Committee to advise him of any changes that should be made to the Halls of Residence (Toad Hall) Rules.

The Committee is being chaired by Ms Georgina Carnegie who is a member of Council and an Assistant Secretary in the Department of Home Affairs and Environment.

The Committee invites written submissions from any students of the University who have comments to make. These should be sent to Mary Wylie, Assistant Registrar (Student Administration), in the Chancelry Annex as soon as possible, preferably with the next week.

FRISBEE SOCIETY

SPINS OUT

At the Students' Association meeting of 11 April 1984 an historic motion was passed. The ANU was declared a gravity free zone. As a result of this pioneering step the ANU Frisbee Society is launching a program of expansion. The society confidently expects to rival, nay eclipse, NASA by June 1985.

"Why all this optimism" you may ask. The Frisbee Society asks you to examine any introductory Physics text. In it you will see the following relationship.

$$d = \frac{1}{2} a \cdot t^2 \quad (1)$$

where:
d = distance
a = acceleration

t = time
(all measured in S.I. units)
With a little rearranging it can be seen that -

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot d}{a}} \quad (2)$$

Substitution "g" (gravity) for "a" & "h" (height) for "d" gives

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}} \quad (3)$$

This totalitarian relationship has been the cause of gross frisacide over the last 2000 years. For if we assume a horizontal projectory it can be seen that:

$$D = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}} \cdot V \quad (4)$$

Where:
D = Distance travelled by frisbee
V = Horizontal velocity of frisbee
Clearly "g" (gravity) has restricted frisbee



Dirty Harry and Rob Cole (Vice-President, Rehabilitation and Maintenance)

demonstrate the wrong way to catch a frisbee. travel. With the demise, of gravity at the ANU it can be seen that

if $g = 0$
Now if $D = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}} \cdot V$ where $g = 0$

then $D = \frac{2h}{0} \cdot V$
or $D = \infty \cdot V$ Q.E.D.

Which leads to the inescapable conclusion that frisbee travel is now unlimited!

The consequences of this innovation are unparalleled. It would now appear that those many reports of flying saucers (UFOs) were at least partially correct. Those observers really saw frisbees from other planets!

The military potential of this development has not gone unnoticed. Professor Andrew Roberts (Vice-President Throwing and Ph.D. frisbeeology Somoa University of Hard Knocks) has had to go into hiding because of kidnap attempts from the KGB and CIA. Professor Roberts, an ardent pacifist, assures us that he will sell his knowledge to the highest bidder.

The Frisbee society, concerned at such exploitation, has taken precautionary action. It has successfully lobbied the SA and frisbees are now available to all students. (Two frisbees are kept at the SA Office and may be borrowed upon production of a student I.D. card. A further frisbee is kept at the short loan desk of the law library and may be borrowed on the same conditions.) We urge all students to avail themselves of this opportunity and learn about the new technology.

In the past some, not many students have perceived the Frisbee Society as having right wing tendencies. Vice-President in charge of aerodynamics Robert Koch explains, "Most people are right handed. Therefore when they release

the frisbee centrifugal forces (spin) operating in a clockwise direction are implanted upon the frisbee. This means the frisbee tends to curve away to the right (hook). Similarly left handed people tend to throw the frisbee to the left (slice).

"The Frisbee Society is terribly concerned about this problem and has introduced a special training program to remedy the situation. The program will be run by the Frisbee Society's talent coordinator, Trevor Hughes (a "goofy handed"), and basically involves flicking the wrist in a contra direction to the perceived bias of the thrower. Anybody interested should contact the Frisbee Society."

Up and coming events of the Frisbee Society include

1. Operation Revenge

The society has lost many frisbees over the past year. Big Phil Johnson (Vice-President Search & Rescue and resident ACT distance champion) is leading a SWAT team in search of these frisbees. Phil does not want to tip his hand but admits to having a few pet suspects, declaring "We're going to leave no stone unturned until we get our frisbees back. If Chancelry thought they had problems with the 1975 occupations then they'd better think again!"

2. Flying Day: 1 pm 3rd May Law School Courtyard.

Any queries about the Frisbee Society can be directed to
Philip Taylor
Secretary-ANU Frisbee Society
c/- Law School
ANU, PO Box 4, Canberra 2600.

Violation of Human Rights

An issue has been brewing on campus over the last week which, if not dampened soon, might well erupt into street warfare. Worse, if civilians outside the ANU become involved, a coup d'etat is imminent. I am, of course, referring to the constitutional loop-hole which allows people to "crack" or "pop" their knuckles.

When the Australian constitution was drawn-up, a provision excluding knuckle-crackers from citizenship was mistakenly omitted. Since this time, knuckle-poppers from all over the world have sought refuge in this country.

This situation is instinctively undesirable, and it is obvious that something should be done about it. So far, knuckle-crackers have managed to silence those campaigning for constitutional reforms in these areas, but I have at last managed to speak out, by smuggling this article to the S.A. Office in a bong. There, people sympathetic to my cause literally gave their lives to put this story to press....

My own experiences as a freelance reporter follow. (WARNING: Some of the following descriptions may be considered grossly offensive).

My crusade began two years ago, when I was forcibly detained in a classroom and submitted to a lecturer's non-stop knuckle-cracking for three gruelling hours. From this point onward, I vowed not to let such revolting practices continue. Slowly but surely since then, I have recruited a small, loyal, secret army of sympathisers, all dedicated to the ultimate goal of eradicating "poppers" from society.

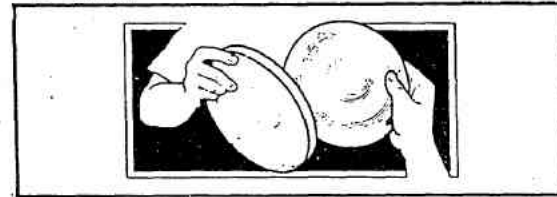
I have witnessed groups of six or seven people deliberately cracking their knuckles in a flagrantly immoral manner. People will even deliberately pop their knuckles in the presence of the young, or even within earshot of pregnant women! Such practices are not uncommon, either - everybody has their own story to tell about such disgusting habits.

In order to calm the brewing storm of violent bloodshed which is otherwise inevitable, the following steps should be implemented immediately:

- (1) Make knuckle-popping

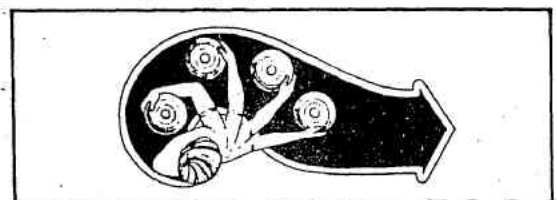
Backhand Grip:

Hold as indicated with the thumb on top and the index finger just under the rim. The middle finger should be extended towards the centre with the fourth and little finger curled back against the rim. Grip lightly!



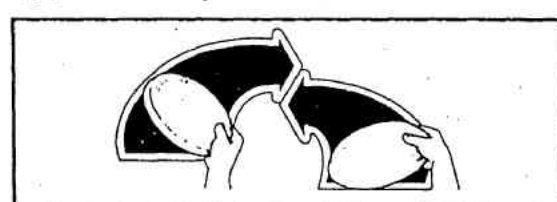
Backswing:

Start with the arm extended toward the target and roll the FRISBEE® flying disc towards body as you bring your arm back. The wrist and the forearm should be coiled like a spring. Keep the edge of the FRISBEE® flying disc towards target slightly raised.



Curve:

A Backhand throw, only tilt the FRISBEE® flying disc in direction of desired curve. Throw in a relaxed and easy manner.



illegal on all public transport, and in public libraries.

(2) Ban the sale of rheumatic and arthritic pain-killers to all known knuckle-crackers

(3) Prohibit the practice totally amongst minors.

(4) Make the community more aware of the problem, via a national advertising campaign.

Also, a bill should be introduced to the House of Representatives prohibiting knuckle-cracking in all forms. The punishment for consistent offenders should be compulsory amputation of the digit/s concerned.

I cannot see any hope for our nation in ignoring this important issue. Before shunning their responsibilities in regards to this matter, Australian politicians must consider the regressive effects which would be the result To simply stand by whilst such practices occur is to plunge Australia even deeper into the boiling vat of human degradation. From this position, can we possibly save face with the rest of the Western World?

Luke Chess

65 Doctor Tennyson's Medical Reference Part IV

(b)(iv) A poem for the treatment of appendicitis.

- Oh my appendix, why do you swell?
Why are you gangrenous? It makes my life hell.
Gentle appendix, heed my wishes today -
Kindly appendix, won't you please go away?

(Follow with standard post-op care and complete bed rest for three days.)

(v) Syphilis: some

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★ YOUNG SOCIALISTS ★

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- Jobs for youth now!
- Jobs not nuclear war!
- Oppose the accord!
- Nationalise BHP!



FABRIQUE A G I D STIM - ULATION

I shall begin with a little self-indulgence if I may. Seeing as the discerning editors of this promiscuous newspaper have seen fit to take me into their employ; I have been bombarded with queries (and *not* Gays on Campus) about my somewhat cynical nature. It will soon be a well known fact that due to my erstwhile journalistic capabilities, the readership of Woroni will increase tenfold. I only say this to boost my ego, but you are not to disagree with me; it wont do you any damn good anyway.

But I digress. I pour the acid onto many people at this university and at other places for one very simple reason. Human beings give a delightfully stimulating response when goaded. Many animals lack this make up to their characters. The only exception that I can think of is when an Alsatian dog I was interviewing bit me in the leg when I asked for his opinion of Chinese restaurants.

But human responses can be equally rewarding: One Christmas a year ago I asked my wizened 70 year old grandmother why she was so eccentric. Her answer was to paint herself black with brown stripes like a tabby cat and run straight up a tree.

But hot dogs and antiquarian moggies aside, I suggest that you, my fawning public, ought to take on a range of response producing activities. Any student with average intelligence (this rules out philosophy students on the minus side and political science students on the plus side) can cope with these concepts. Give it a go.

**Politics is for The Young
(Not the Young at Heart)**

It is strange that on this campus we only have three politically aware mobs. The saintly DSP, the Hodgmanesque Liberals and the rather shabby looking lefties. It amazes me that with the growth of the Hawke deity then should there not be a centralist group going for consensus. OK so the left say that this is one of their aims; i.e. to provide this that and the other, equal representation etc. etc. If these things come about then the likes of the rather GarthEvans-ish Peter Taylor (whom David Morris could probably whip at "Centipedes") and the other Left Alliance crew are wasted at the university. Go for broke! Enter federal politics!

Doleful Students

Until recently people on the dole were unable to do more than eight day-time hours of study per week. Although the Social Security Act has never precluded a person on the dole from study (provided they met the requirements of the Social Security Act) the 8 hrs study limit was established by the Department's Head Office and incorporated as a guideline in the manual of instructions to D.S.S. officers.

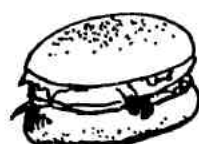
The 8-hr study limit was recently quashed by an appeal to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. Now each case is determined on its merits. Generally, this means that unemployment beneficiaries must satisfy DSS that they are capable and willing to undertake paid work that

in the opinion of D.S.S. is suitable for that person. Usually a person is only eligible if getting a job takes priority over their study. There have been recent reports that the Department is requiring more and more evidence from beneficiaries who are studying, of their efforts to find work. I have heard of people being interviewed fortnightly re their status — as opposed to the standard 6-monthly interviews.

The Welfare Rights Centre is preparing a paper on difficulties of dole recipients studying. If you are studying on the dole please let me know if you've experienced difficulties with the Department of Social Security.

Peter Taylor
Students' Association Office
ring (49) 2444

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The point is, so many politicians these days are so young. The ALP Boy-Wonder Garth Evans, is scuttling around the Upper House looking at least two years younger than Peter Taylor. If that bloke came into the Bar, I would probably ask him for I.D. No, honestly.

Look to State politics, Nick Greiner was in 4th form when I was in 3rd form, the guy still

doesn't shave. As for Michael Yabsley in the now Liberal seat of Bligh as well; I babysat him the other week. (You all remember Young Michael, don't you?)

I wholeheartedly encourage the Left Alliance to go forth and strive for bigger and better things. Yes, walk off, throw

down your snackies, shrug off your mortal coil, you are surely wasted here. I was actually discussing this matter with a very serious minded colleague of mine, he heartily agrees "It'll get rid of the bastards once and for all," he said.

John Taylor

EVOLUTION of CHINESE CHARACTERS

祝敏申
M.S. Zhu

Dept of FEH, RSPacS, ANU

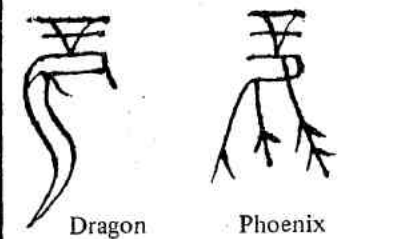

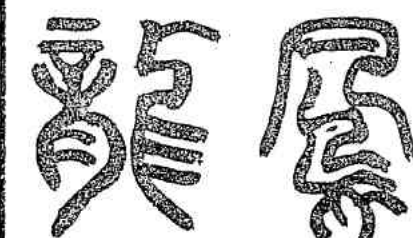




漢字書體

by Joseph Lee
Hong Kong Students Assn.

STYLES OF CHINESE WRITING

The following illustrations demonstrate the different stages of development of Chinese Characters and reflect the structural changes in the Chinese society

and technology during these periods. They began as inscriptions on bones and shells, through the Bronze Age and up to the manufacture of paper in China.

	甲骨文 殷商後期	INSCRIPTIONS ON BONES OR TORTOISE SHELLS The later stage of the Shan (Yin) Dynasty. c. 13th-11th cent. B.C.
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	小篆 秦朝	SEAL SCRIPT The Qin Dynasty 221-207 B.C.
	隸書 漢朝	OFFICIAL SCRIPT The Han Dynasties 206 B.C. - A.D. 220.
	楷書 魏晉以來	MODEL SCRIPT Since the Wei & Jin Dynasties A.D. 265-420
	行書	SEMI-CURSIVE SCRIPT (Auxiliary script of Model Script)
	草書	CURSIVE SCRIPT (Auxiliary script of Model Script)

Carter's

Corner

Firstly, my Brothers and Sisters, my most sincere apologies for not entertaining you last issue. Alas! I was struck down by a cruel illness that those with medical knowledge call "The 'Flu'" — and could scarcely drag pen across paper. It would seem that whatever marvellous technologies arise to revive the frozen dead I, stuck in 1984, must suffer along with half the campus.

But now, fortified with a bottle of the best Tasmanian cider, I stride forth renewed. Striding around campus however — not to any wretched Peace Rally. Vandals with sedition brewing in their hearts had chalked their rallying cries around our ANU. A sign by the Asian Studies Faculty told me to learn the lesson of Hiroshima — I, having travelled to Japan, know that lesson only too well (nuclear bombs deter and destroy dictatorial and expansionist regimes). Long live the mighty Bomb — 40 years old and still going strong! A general principle seems to be that the weak get crushed, whilst I find the whole subject of crushing (from cockroaches to nations) to be distasteful, it nevertheless goes on. Perhaps if our grandparents who marched so vigorously for disarmament in the '30's had been successful we would all be Seig Heiling one another?

I do not share the apparently widespread if neurotic fear of the Bomb.

I do not see it as inherently evil — just as another weapon which will probably be used in several wars before too many decades are over. As for a major nuclear war? My opinion is that such an event is unlikely to occur and, if it does, it WILL NOT prove to be the end of Humanity. There is no way to prove such an assertion, there is no way I can even have a dialogue with any peace activists (a contradiction in terms if there ever was). Short of holding a full scale nuclear war we will never know its full effects. A little bit of thought indicates to me that wars do not start out of the blue, do not escalate blindly and have yet to wipe out our exceedingly aggressive and numerous species.

As a Cryonicist I have given much thought to the many problems which could befall me. Nuclear war is only one (and scarcely the most significant) problem. Safe in Australia it is possible to relax somewhat but the world's only decently equipped cryonics facility is in California — what then? To me it seems absolutely preposterous that a major nuclear war, unlike all previous wars, would erupt out of the blue, with zero warning time. We can easily anticipate weeks or months of advance notification (a far cry from the "4 minute warning"). It also seems increasingly unlikely that both sides (US & USSR) would adopt the so-called counter-city strategy as today's weaponry permits much greater selectivity in targeting.

Now all of the above is merely my opinion and I realise that it runs against what some would like to claim is majority opinion. For my part I cannot credit a nuclear war which breaks out with little warning and totally consumes the Earth — convincing a "Peace" activist however is rather like converting the Ayattolah Khomeini to the All American Middle-Class Dream.

UNIVERSITY FLAG

The University flag was removed from the flagpole adjacent to the A.D. Hope Building during February by a person or persons unknown. It is the only one of its particular design and it was hoped that it would be returned/recovered after Orientation Week. Unfortunately, this has not been the case. The Australian National flag was removed in similar circumstances earlier this month.

Some difficulty is being experienced in replacing the University flag, and, of course, there is a cost factor.

The return of these flags, particularly the University flag, or any information that could lead to their recovery would be much appreciated.

A.A. Robertson



AFRAID OF THE DARK?



*THE RECENT BRUTAL ASSAULT
OF TWO STUDENTS ON THIS CAMPUS
WAS NOT THE FIRST.
FOR YEARS STUDENTS AT ANU HAVE BEEN
DEMANDING IMPROVED LIGHTING
WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY GROUNDS.
UNTIL THE ADMINISTRATION SEES FIT
TO ENSURE STUDENT SAFETY WE SUGGEST
THAT IF YOU INSIST ON WALKING ON THE
CAMPUS AFTER DARK
YOU TRAVEL IN PACKS OF NO
LESS THAN FOURTEEN.*

the LEGAL REFERRAL page

LEGAL REFERRAL SERVICE

The Legal Referral Service is a campus-based organisation run by law students with support from the Canberra Community Legal Service and some law school staff that can assist students (and others) with their legal problems. It is located on the ground floor of the Union Building, next to the union Shop. The LRS operates between 12 noon and 5.00pm each weekday and is supplemented by a 24-hour telephone service on 49 4022. The service is provided free.

What can the LRS do for you?

The Legal Referral Service deals with all kinds of matters ranging from TEAS through tenancy to family or consumer problems. Because of legal restrictions the LRS is limited in the scope of the services it can provide. Nevertheless, it can still help you in the following ways. First, it is a place where people can bring their problems of whatever nature (no problem is ever just a legal problem, and people can bring their problems and be told whether or not it is legal in character) and have them receive a sympathetic hearing; the service is free and friendly and seeks to avoid much of the alienation and intimidation commonly present in the traditional lawyer-client relationship.

Next, the service can tell people whether their problem is a legal one or not, and if so what their options are. Very often the legal solution will only be the last resort, after some attempt at conciliation or some other approach has been made. Or you may merely require some basic legal information: over the last few years law students have advised clients on a variety of matters such as insurance, family law, tenancy, rights on the road or police powers of arrest, showing again how often people do not exercise their legal rights because they do not know what they are.

Finally, the LRS can provide more concrete assistance either by writing a letter of whatever tone you desire (ranging from the humble and pleading through to the hard but firm to the threatening or desperate) to help the other person 'see reason', or else, in certain limited situations, by providing an advocate (such as before the TEAS tribunal). As well, where the situation requires it, the service can refer you to a lawyer who may be prepared to take on your case at very short notice, and to provide his or her services at a free or discounted rate.



"WELL, ITS A CLEAR CONFLICT BETWEEN THE 'MANY HANDS' DOCTRINE AND THE PRINCIPLE IN 'THE SPURT BROTH CASE'."

THE WELFARE RIGHTS CENTRE

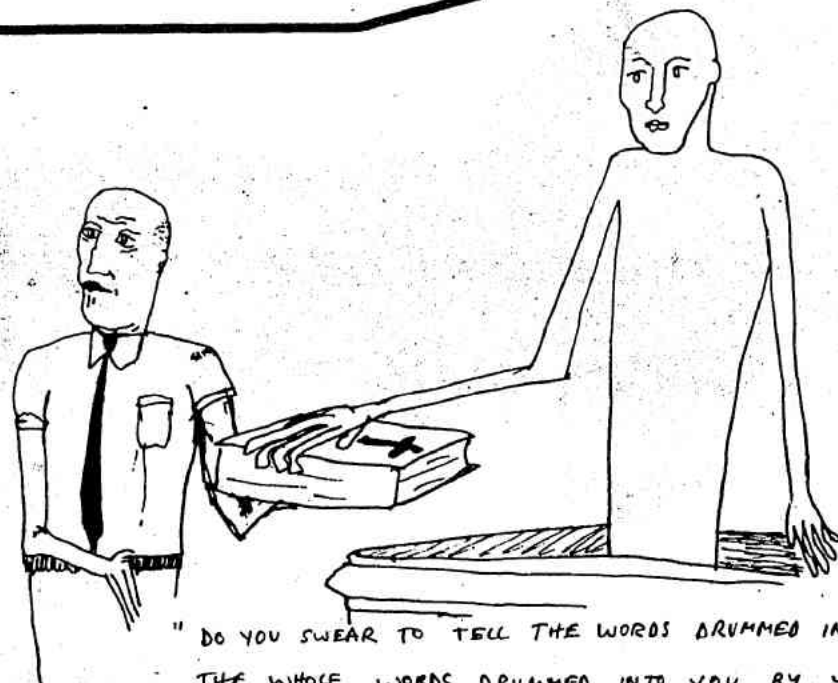
The Welfare Rights Centre has been in existence since September of 1983. With a general aim of ensuring that everyone gets their full entitlement to social security benefits, the centre primarily deals with social security, tenancy and (some) consumer problems. While the Legal Referral Service is often a valuable first step in dealing with a problem, many problems can only be resolved through the greater resources and expertise of the WRC, and consequently there is a fairly strong link between the two services. The WRC operates from Room 6 of the Griffin Centre (upstairs) on Bunda St., Civic (opposite the Centre Cinema), and is open between 9.00am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

LEGAL REFERRAL SERVICE

Open: 12-5 Monday to Friday
24-hr telephone service: call 49 4022
Ground floor, Union Building.
Phone: 49 4022

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"DO YOU SWEAR TO TELL THE WORDS DRUMMED INTO YOU BY YOUR COUNSEL, THE WHOLE WORDS DRUMMED INTO YOU BY YOUR COUNSEL AND NOTHING BUT THE WORDS DRUMMED INTO YOU BY YOUR COUNSEL!"

TEAS AND THE PERSON ON THE STREET

And just why is it that you are standing in the street? Because you thought it was part of the new alfresco university? Or because you haven't been able to get TEAS, because they want money back or because they haven't given you as much as you thought? In short are you having TEAS hassles? For many, autumn brings with it those horrible letters of rejection. Too many do not know what to do, efficiently and effectively, to ease their financial position.

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

The ANU Legal Referral Service has, over the last few years, built up a bank of resources and experience in dealing with TEAS problems. For example, in 1982 it was able to assist students in having decisions overturned collectively to the value of \$50,000.

The reason for this success is not shaky accounting deals, not shady manipulation of rows of figures; nor is it rendezvous in dark alleyways with men in raincoats all called Khemlani.

Rather the Student Assistance Act, under which TEAS is given, is an incredibly tortuous piece of legislation, full of provisos, qualifications, amendments and different definitions. It is therefore, not only an ideal playground for the amateur lawyers of the Legal Referral Service, but, *what it means for you* is that when you get a letter of rejection it is only the Department's idea of what a few words mean; in a lot of cases, there is scope for argument and for a different interpretation to prevail. Not only that, the Act is also full of technicalities, which may permit a different escape-route to be found. Some categories are in the black and white zone, but essentially the Act as a whole merely generates argument, rather than settling it. Indeed, even the High Court, when confronted with the Act, refused to say what the Act meant, and only what they thought it meant!!

THE TWILIGHT ZONE BECKONS...

The majority of cases do fall into a twilight zone, where the Legal Referral Service can assist with the preparation of cases in the two-stage appeal structure.

The first level is re-assessment. This is useful for clearing up factual errors and basic misapplications of the Act, but in challenging Departmental policy it is usually necessary to go to the TEAS Appeal Tribunal. This is a body independent in the sense that its members are from outside the department and which, therefore, is merely seeking 'The Truth', that is, the correct interpretation of the Act. It is sympathetic, informal and helpful to students in the conduct of their case. It is amenable to interpretations of the Act differing from those of the Department. In other words, it is worth appealing, irrespective of the quality of your case (except in the most straightforward instances). Do not be intimidated by your two prior rejections: in most cases this is normal, and what you are getting is the same rejection twice, rather than a true review of your case.

ENTER THE OUTSIDER...

From all this you may have gathered that there is more to TEAS than meets the eye, and in which, therefore there may be benefit to you in approaching the Legal Referral Service.

"Who is this masked man?" you may well ask. Well, the Legal Referral Service runs from a shopfront downstairs in the Union Building between 12-5 daily; it also has a telephone connection on (49) 4022. It also deals with more general legal enquiries, apart from TEAS. The service is free and voluntary being provided by ANU law students. If you have a TEAS problem, we look forward to hearing from you; so successful have we been that eight of our law lecturers are on TEAS (and the rest are on Unemployment Benefits!)

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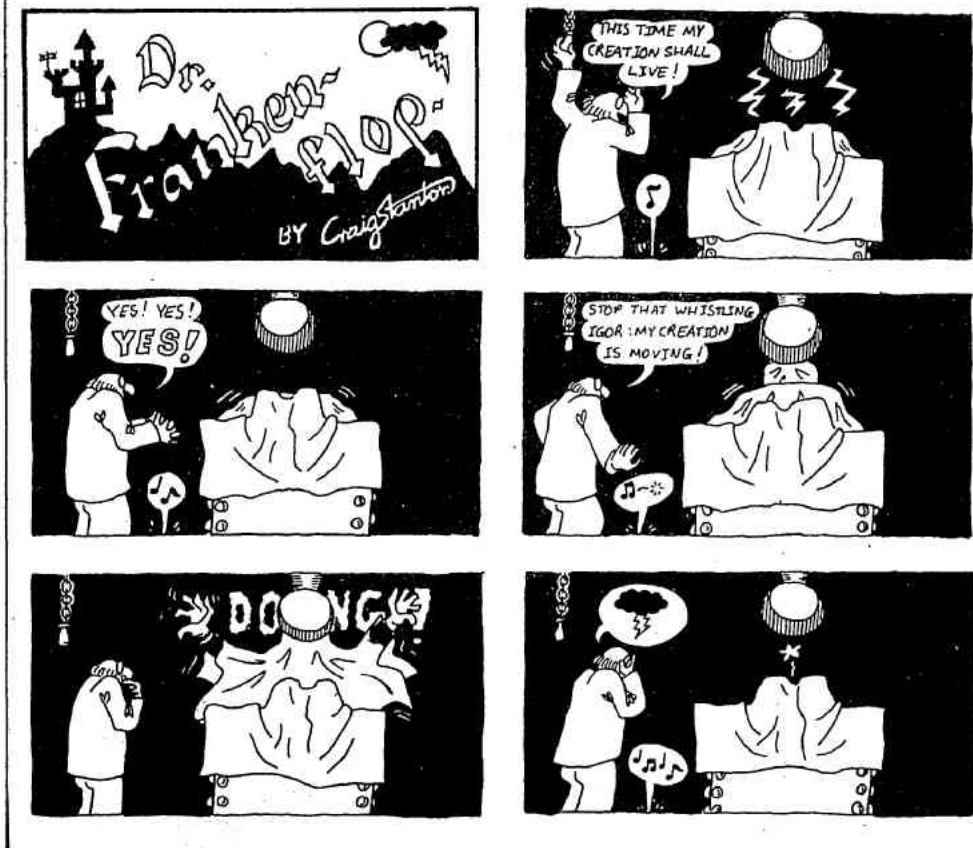
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SNIPPETS - Stamford and Phoa

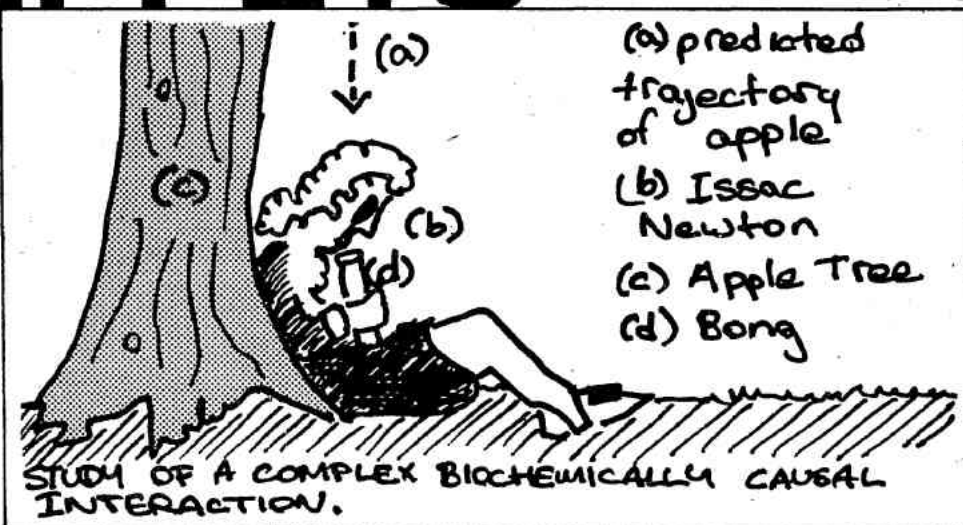
SNIPPETS - Woroni's very own Science Column
(Bullshit by Patrick Stamford and Wesley Phoa)

Work getting you down? Are you swamped with essays and assignments and lab reports? Ever wondered why it is that you bust your gut ten hours a day, seven days a week, and still fail while some bastard who spends all his time in the Uni Bar or the Bong Club breezes through with HDs?

The answer: excessive work is detrimental to your brain.

Look at the hard facts. The more work you commit yourself to, the more brain tissue you kill off. Recent studies conducted by the Research School of Inebriate Scientists have uncovered the stunning fact that excessive work results in the exponentially increasing death of brain cells. This was proved when (by some freak occurrence) a Fellow actually conquered seven straight hours of work only to find his head feeling much lighter and more painful for the experience - clear indications of loss of gray matter.

An even more surprising discovery is that brain tissue lost in this way can be regenerated by heavy drinking, dancing and related activities. The same Fellow, the morning after drinking three bottles of Scotch and making the round of Canberra nightspots (both of which were open), found that his head was very heavy indeed - the lost brain cells had been more than restored.



As corroborative evidence, note that student politicians, who drink and argue all the time and never get any work done, tend to have very big heads.

If this does not convince you, then look at history. Not a single major scientific discovery was the result of perseverance and hard work; whereas a very high proportion sprung from excessive alcohol intake. Witness the following:

Case: A completely pissed and utterly stoned Isaac Newton is overcome by the pungent fumes of alcohol and smouldering pot and goes outside for some fresh air. He sits under an apple tree.

Case: Henri Becquerel, while experimenting with cocktails and by now in a drunken stupor, shoves a uranium ore sample in a drawer containing photographic plates before throwing up. The plates, when developed, were fogged - he has discovered radioactivity.

Case: Kekule, who has spent the previous night raging until five in the morning, falls asleep on the bus and dreams about the structure of benzene.

Case: Archimedes, loaded to the eyeballs with Serepax, amphetamines, coke, PCP, amyl nitrate, glue, vodka and lavender, runs screaming through the streets of Athens, naked.

But enough of these. What can be done about the dangerous and mind-destroying study methods of today's students?

The University can only do so much. Free rum at laboratory sessions; live bands during law lectures and taped music during tutorials; bong-packing workshops at the Study Skills Unit. But it's really up to you to get your act together.

Don't let yourself become a mindless degenerate Ph.D. type - stop before it's too late. Put down that textbook and pick up that bottle.

Next week: 'Cocktail Mixing - The Centrifuge Approach'



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Gen. D. Macarther on the banks of the Yalu River

"The essence of the Mothball lies in two rooms with pollen"
3rd Inca Ruler descended from the sun.

THREE GOOD REASONS YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE MOTHBALL.

1. "We need that strength to get respect from the Soviet Union . . ."
2. As a problem-solving device, it is advocated from various angles.
3. Mrs Quainton, who was the cook at my school at Wallingford and a passionate amateur naturalist, and who encouraged my early leanings, always called butterflies "flutterbys". 'It stands to reason they've got it the wrong way round', she would say in exasperation.

The butterfly on azure wing,
Flits with neither noise nor woe.
Vistas expand,
With harbingers of change,
As unfettered wings reveal,
A sign that attracts but not demands,
A change in tune.
Tranquility.



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with
Songs of Middle Earth
(music by Judith Clingan)
and selected readings

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The shape and structure of its compound eyes enable the butterfly to see in all directions except directly beneath its body

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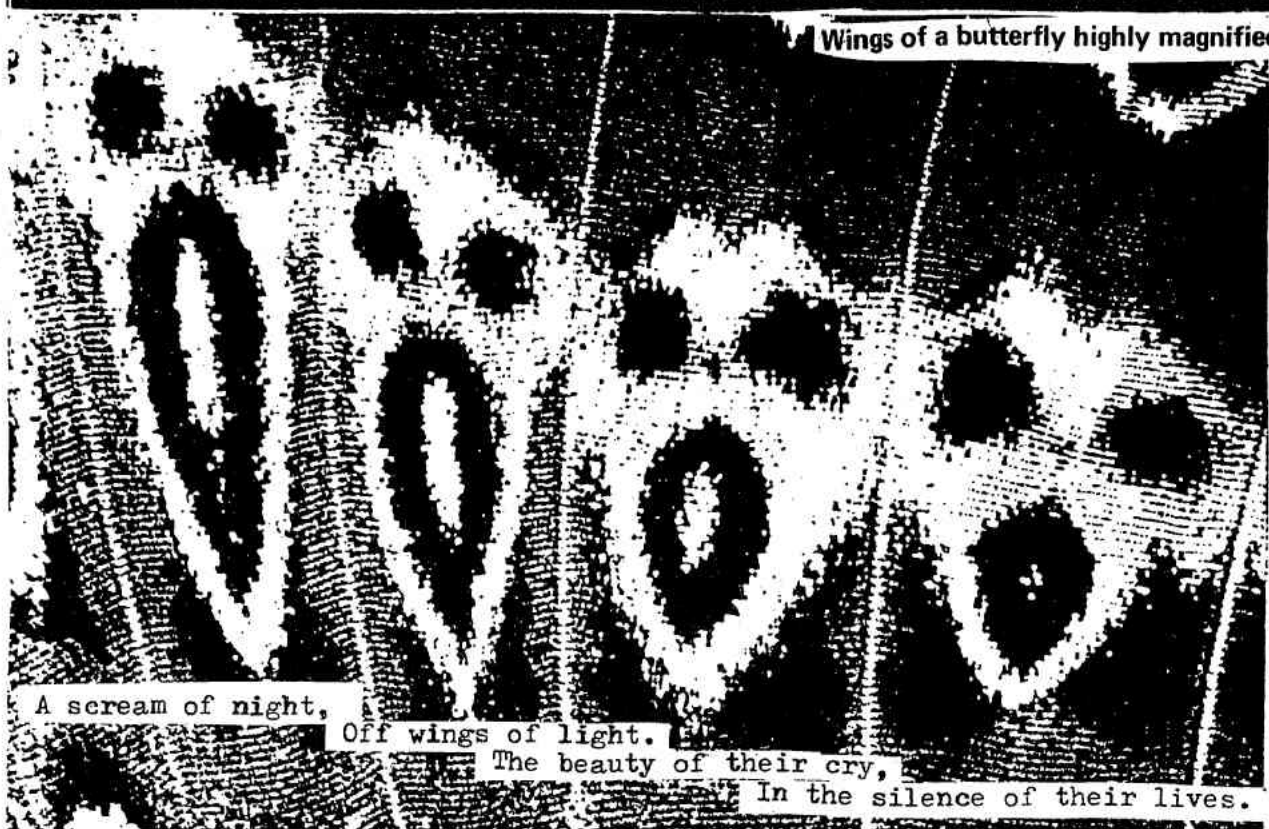
Wings of a butterfly highly magnified.

MOTH OF THE MONTH



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Scientific name *Nymphalis antiopa*
 Family Nymphalidae
 Common name Camberwell Beauty (in Britain) - Mourning Cloak (in U.S.A.)
 Wingspan 6-8 cm. Colours - Black with yellow + blue
 Range West Europe across temperate Asia to perhaps 70° north (as migrant in extreme north), and south to the Himalayas. Throughout North America and Canada (migrant in north).



A scream of night,
 Off wings of light.
 The beauty of their cry,
 In the silence of their lives.

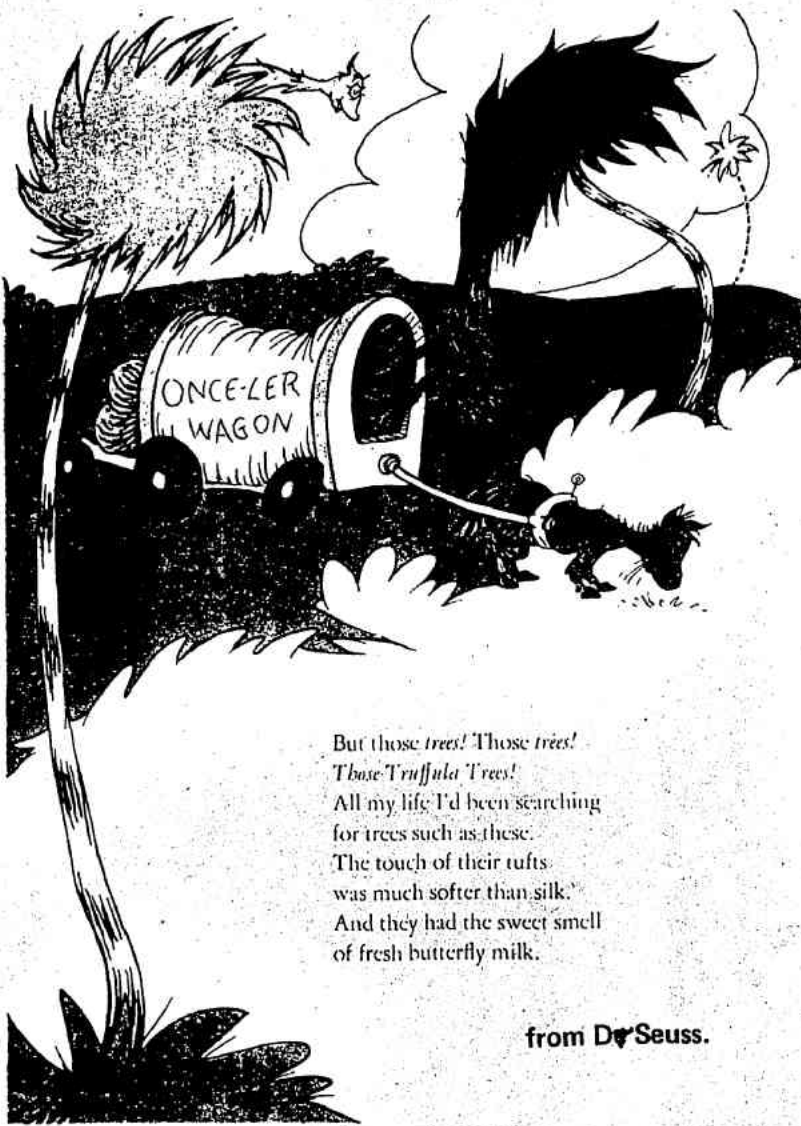
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Apple II Europlus, dual disk drives, printer, green screen, RAM card, speech synthesiser, 80-col card, Z-80 card, PAL colour card.
 Worth \$3,250, but yours for \$2,250, because I'm not very intelligent.

- Wesley Phoa, Bruce Hall (Ph. 489 498)

a thai butterfly

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But those trees! Those trees!
 Those Truffula Trees!
 All my life I'd been searching
 for trees such as these.
 The touch of their tufts
 was much softer than silk,
 And they had the sweet smell
 of fresh butterfly milk.

from Dr. Seuss.

ARTFORUM



Canberra School of Art

ARTFORUM No. 2

The Canberra School of Art Artforum program for first semester, 1984, will comprise a series of ten lectures and two staff panels focusing on the theme: **'RADICALISM AND CONSERVATISM IN THE ARTS'**

WEDNESDAY MAY 2

But is it Art?
 The radical nature and the conservative nature of community arts. Creativity and expression—integral functions of living. But is it art? What has language got to do with it? etc.
 Vivien Binns
 Artist

WEDNESDAY MAY 9

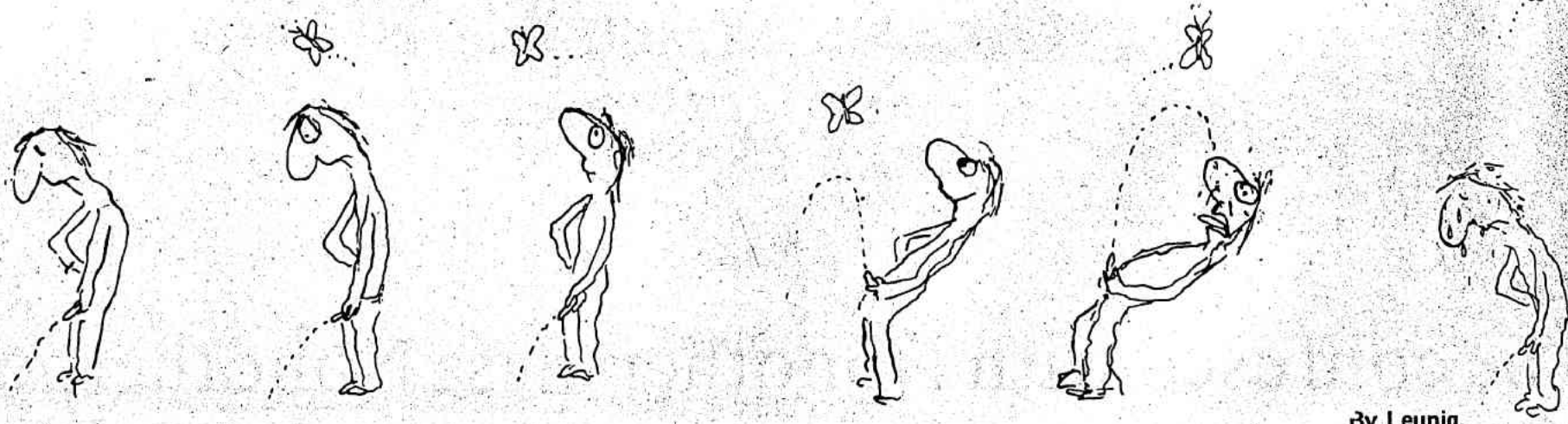
The Art of Passion
 "Theatre of cruelty, fish and a giant bird": Artuadian, Dada and Fascist themes in rock music.
 Vivien Johnson
 Sociologist

WEDNESDAY MAY 16

Beyond Radicalism/Conservatism
 Disrupting the radicalism/conservatism opposition, shattering 'the new'.
 The lecture will include the screening of Helen's film 'Serious Undertakings'.
 Helen Grace
 Photographer/Filmmaker

All lectures will be held in the Canberra School of Art lecture theatre at 1.00 p.m.
 All welcome

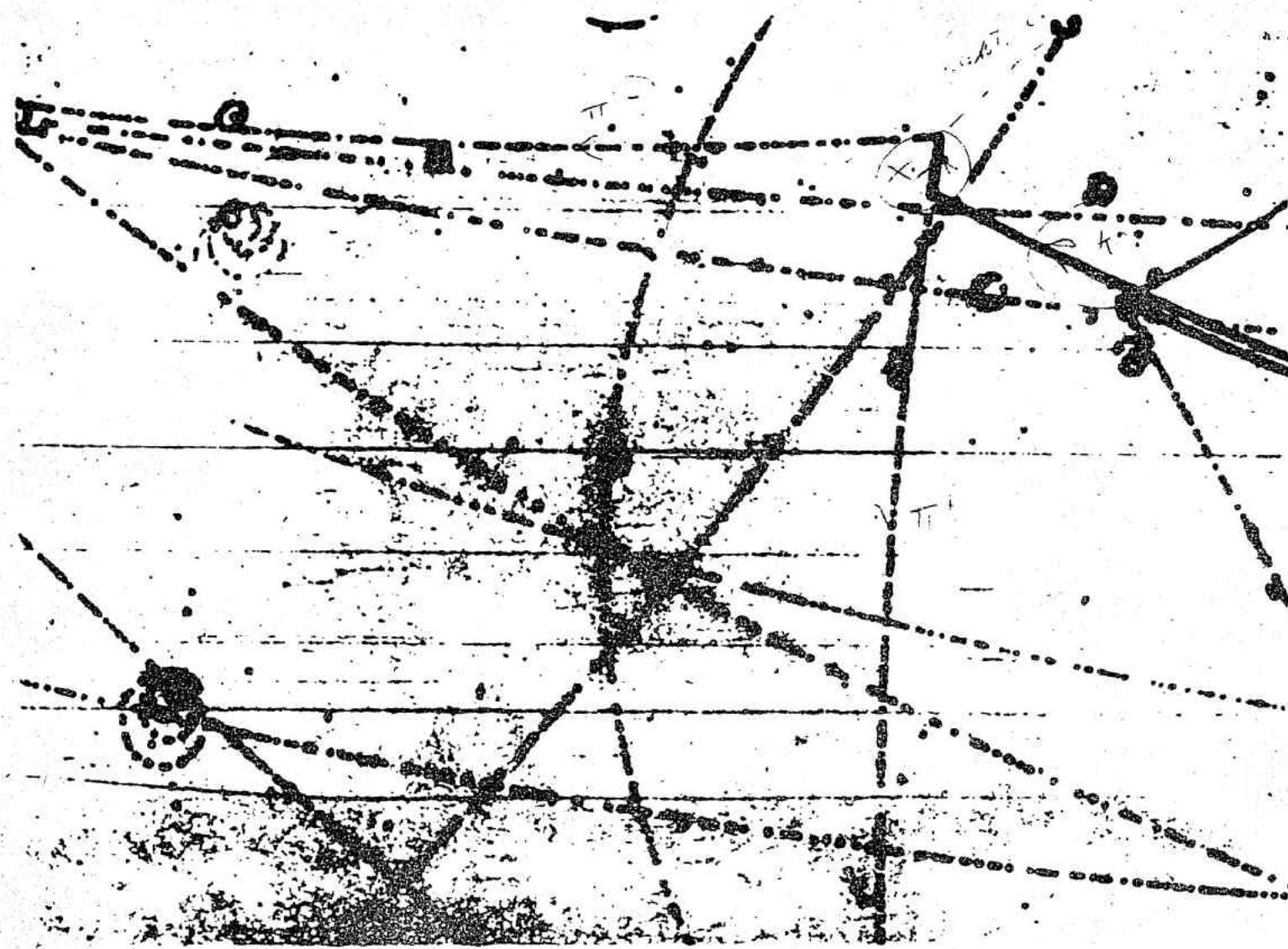
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By Leunig.

Comparative analysis of Art Science Parallels

None can be no more match
for each other as is they
are which each to each
other are not seen to
be a sufficient
condition
for each
others
Otherness*



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Not
to be confused with Nonothersness Nonotherness
PCD

One relates to photography, not only for pleasure, but as investment. The other asks the question: why should an image, made in the medium of the masses, have such an extraordinary power and importance? The appeal of Ansel Adams' photograph "Moonrise, Hernandez, New Mexico 1944," lies in its planetary perspective.

It is a deceptively simple view of the moon rising over a New Mexico village. Beneath the moon and beyond the village a massive cloud stream washes over sharp, snowcapped mountain peaks. Apart from the whiteness of the moon, cloud and snow, the tones of the print are sombre, punctuated only by a sprinkling of white crosses in the village graveyard.

If this photograph were to be compared with any other, it could be NASA's famous Earthrise taken from the surface of the moon. They would make a perfect couple.

The Elections in El Salvador

The El Salvador elections are a device for influencing American public opinion rather than a solution for local problems. Clearly the US policy-makers themselves are not confident of a solution — hence the announcement this April, of a "contingency" plan for US military intervention in 1985 "if present policies do not work."

With the guerrillas gaining strength, the "liberated zones" slowly growing in area, and the El Salvadoran Army increasingly demoralised, President Reagan finds himself more dependent on Congressional approval to grant military aid to the El Salvadoran Army to prop up the regime.

But the US Congress is increasingly reluctant to do this. Aid grants have escalated from a \$30 million 'one-off' in 1980 to annual nine figure amounts. Reagan is running out of ways to bend the rules in order to grant aid without Congressional approval. He recently outraged fellow Republicans when he resorted to attaching a grant of emergency aid for the El Salvadoran Army to a Bill for emergency grants to Americans to pay heating bills, and an emergency aid grant for drought relief in Ethiopia. Congress is seeing these tactics more and more as Presidential blackmail.

Because of the experience of the Vietnam War, Congress is more cautious, and more reluctant to 'blank-check' military expenditure solely on the recommendation of the State Department and the Pentagon.

For these reasons the Congress has made further aid grants conditional on improvements in the human rights situation on El Salvador. This was at least one positive effect of the shocking public assassination of Archbishop Romero, the Archbishop of El Salvador, by the right-wing Death Squads. Similarly, the rape-murder of four Maryknoll nuns shocked American public opinion. But conditioning aid to El Salvador on improvements in human rights, has braked, rather than blocked this aid. There is a kind of unspoken agreement with the State Department, that the Death Squads keep their activities to a minimum

a few weeks before the human rights situation is to be reviewed by Congress, and "cooked" figures of the previous few weeks are presented to show that there is a 'downward trend' in abuses. Congress then ratifies a further military aid grant.

Of course it is of immense benefit to Mr Reagan and the State Department, to be able to say to Congress that El Salvador has an elected civilian government at its head. But his is part of a deliberate confusion of cause and effect — to suggest that because elections are being held, then human rights must be being respected.

Unfortunately US policy suffers from the intrusion of the ugly fact that the US has no control over the activities of the extreme right, which has become an ineradicable part of the El Salvadoran establishment over the years since the peasant massacre of 1932 — largely under the tutelage of successive US governments.

So it is a mistaken assumption that because the US is encouraging elections it has suddenly discovered a benign purpose. The US is not pouring hundreds of millions of dollars worth of military aid into the region to make it safe for democracy, and it has not spent hundreds of millions of dollars equipping the El Salvadoran Army simply so that elections could be held there for the Salvadoran people. Even the most superficial look at the history of elections in the place shows that the Army is, and always has been the greatest single obstacle to free elections in El Salvador for the last 50 years.

The role of the US Congress just outlined explains to a large extent the unusual willingness of the right wing, to go along with the idea of holding elections, as well as their tolerance of Christian Democrat leader Napoleon Duarte.

Heralded as the 'moderate' candidate of both the 1982, and the 1984 elections, Napoleon Duarte was appointed the President of the non-elected government of 1980, made up largely of right-wing military men when it was thought that a civilian component would lend the Junta of 1980 more respectability. In this role he lobbied the US directly for more aid — about \$300 million worth.

This was used to finance the military in a fight against an opposition which now included the majority of the members of Duarte's own Christian Democrat Party. What was left of the Christian Democrat Party after most of its members had left in disgust, to form the FDR (Revolutionary Democratic Front) proved itself to be a token civilian presence which could not even criticise Death Squad leader D'Aubuisson, when prompted to do so by the US after the murder of the Maryknoll

nuns, and an unauthorised coup attempt by D'Aubuisson. One of D'Aubuisson's victims, Mario Zamora, was another Christian Democrat leader, and a personal friend of Duarte's.

At the ceremony when he was inaugurated as President, in November 1980 Duarte appeared on the rostrum with military men like Medrano, the founder of ORDEN (a right wing paramilitary organisation with a system of spies on peasants) and others who were responsible for beating and exiling him after the military takeover by General Molina in 1972 after an election Duarte won that year.

On the occasion of his inauguration one military officer was overheard saying to Duarte "we have finally given you your Presidency", while one of his friends is quoted as saying: "He is President at last, which he has wanted to be all his life and he must want it obsessively to take it now." A few days after his inauguration the key leaders of the newly formed FDR were kidnapped as they gave a press conference at a Jesuit College; about thirty were taken away by twenty men in plain clothes, and the five most important leaders were found dead and mutilated a few days later. It was at this stage that the FDR went underground, its most important members went into exile overseas, and it began working with the FMLN, the guerrilla opposition, to become its political front.

The effect of the much heralded 1982 elections was largely to exacerbate the stranglehold of the intransigent right wing on the political life of the country. The only opposition candidate to run against the various parties representing military candidates, was Napoleon Duarte who represented the right wing of the Christian Democrat party. Left wing parties, and the left wing of the Christian Democrats, which included men that Washington had praised as the "moderate centre" only a couple of years before, had joined the FDR and gone underground or in exile in the face of threats from the right-wing death squads. These threats were not more bluff. Duarte's main rival in the 1982 elections, as he is in 1984, was Robert D'Aubuisson, known to be the leader of the Death Squads. After the public kidnapping before television cameras of 30 FDR members, and the mutilation murder of five of them some days later, it is not surprising that non-right wing opposition parties were not interested in participating in the elections of March 1982, D'Aubuisson stated publicly then, that he would not guarantee that certain candidates could run for election without their lives coming under threat. A Scandinavian human rights observer claimed to have seen hit lists, and remarked that "elections with death lists of the opposition might as well be held in the cemeteries."

But the US was less concerned with the actual candidates, or the results of the elections than that the elections actually take place. It was promoted as "a vote against the guerrillas", and the candidates and the results were considered almost irrelevant. It also served to disguise the

embarrassing fact that since the coup led by a group of relatively progressive young army officers in 1979, the El Salvadoran government had collapsed three times.

It has taken the American press almost two years to acknowledge the questionable aspects of that election. Hailed at the time as a repudiation of the guerrilla forces who wanted the elections boycotted, it is now acknowledged that many peasants were terrorised into voting by the device of marking their identity cards at the time of voting. Those whose cards were not marked were thus identified as "guerrilla sympathisers".

Discrepancies in voting figures were noticed almost immediately. There is one study by the Jesuit University of El Salvador which proves that the number of votes registered could not have been made in the time available — even by making a generous allowance for one person to vote every 30 seconds during every minute of an eight hour day!

A Salvadoran who worked in an advertising firm which did electioneering work for right wing parties explained some of the other ways of producing a "desired result". One was to provide free transport and food to peasants to come and vote a certain way. The peasants were perfectly aware of what was going on, he explained, but reasoned that whoever was elected, things would not change, and that they were going to get screwed by whoever won, so they enjoyed the free ride and the free food.

These are just the tactics of elections which can only be regarded as a failure, if not irrelevant, and it is a useful exercise to enquire why.

One reason is the failure to introduce any significant land reform. No government which does not introduce some kind of land reform can be considered popular. Yet any attempt to introduce land reform by democratic means in El Salvador is doomed. By 1980 even the US could perceive that the "communist peril" could not be blamed entirely for the problems of a country where over 60 percent of the land is turned over to cash crops like sugar, coffee, and cotton by the 2 percent of the population which owns it, where 97 percent of the rural population has less than 12 acres of land (below the subsistence minimum to support a family), and where most of the rural population is unemployed for eight months in every twelve. Yet the oligarchic establishment has resisted every attempt to introduce land reform, destroying anyone who tried to introduce it, even going so far as to murder two US technicians. The program was run by the same people in the US State Department (Roy Prosterman and Bill Colby) who set up a similar, disastrous program in Vietnam.

Many of the larger landholders avoided inclusion in Phase I of the program by breaking up their large estates and deeding them over to members of their families. Phase II was abandoned because it included most of the properties of the size favoured by the high-ranking military men.

It was regarded as impolitic to upset the Colonels. Phase III was then proceeded to which affected the thousands of small peasant farmers subsisting on 20 hectare plots. These plots were often broken down into subplots below the minimum subsistence size. A side-effect of the program was that peasants who went to claim their title deeds were carefully observed by members of ORDEN and the Death Squads, and were found dead several days later. The few redistributions which did go through were often sabotaged with the previous owners (who were generously compensated) sending stock and equipment to Guatemala, and attempts to have the banks (controlled by the same families) assist the peasants with necessary loans, were strongly fought.

The failure of land reform can be regarded as the secondary effect of a more direct reason for the failure of democratic processes in El Salvador, which is the intransigence of the Right, representing the Oligarchic elite, the so called 14 families, and the military caste which serves their



CENTRAL AMERICA

RAYGUN RULES O.K.

In the last few weeks, the US has increased its commitment of military spending in the Central American region by some several hundred million dollars, and this in spite of the caution of the American Congress and its endeavours to limit Reagan's spending in the region.

Most of this budget is committed to the military "exercises" in Honduras, carried out largely on the borders with Nicaragua and El Salvador. These exercises, originally scheduled to last two months as "Exercise Big Pine" were extended another three months as "Big Pine II" and are now extended to eight months as "Exercise Grenadero". Just to "support" this exercise the US is spending a further \$160 million on military roads, military hospitals, military bases, military storage depots for fuel and ammunition, and military airports capable of serving C130 transport planes, all of which, observers say, look a little too permanent for a "mere" exercise. The US now has 1800-1900 personnel assigned to Honduras between manoeuvres, i.e.: permanent staff, with 4-5 thousand additional men expected when the actual manoeuvres begin.

Another \$60 million odd dollars of "emergency" military aid has been assigned to El Salvador additional to the "normal" annual allocation, now in nine figures, yet to come before Congress, and some of Reagan's own Republicans have been angered by his tactics.

In a sense, North American intervention has already begun with numerous reconnaissance flights being made over El Salvador on a regular basis, the airfields and campus already

built in Honduras being turned over to the Honduran Army, and this army being trained by US advisers. The heavy financing of counter-revolutionaries making raids into Nicaragua, the rocketing of the

Nicaraguan oil port, Corinto, and the mining of Nicaraguan ports is an intervention. Another \$20 million + is being voted this month to finance the counter-revolutionaries.

All this expenditure of dollars and manpower is not altruistic. And after the invasion of Granada, claims that the US was countering a threat to National Security were seen less as a reason than an excuse. One of the pretexts for the Granada invasion you will remember, was the construction of a supposed military airfield by the Cubans. It resulted that it was actually being built by the British as a tourist Airport, and had no military applications.

North American military forces and the North American policy makers do not have these forces in the region to protect the peasants from rapacious landlords, from extortionist Security forces, or from corrupt politicians. Neither is the US doing this to either "make the world safe for democracy" or to "bring democracy to Central America".

The US had ample opportunity to do these things, or at least allow any of this to be done at any time during the last 50 years or so. Instead the policy applied most consistently by the US to Central America is what might be called "The Roosevelt Doctrine". Roosevelt is quoted as responding to complaint about some outrage committed by the first Somoza of the Somoza dynasty in Nicaragua, that "he may be a son of a bitch, but our son of a bitch".

Warrick Fry
CISCAC

THE ELECTIONS IN EL SALVADOR

interests, with their support structure of paramilitary organisations like ORDEN, made up of ex-army and security men who return to their peasant communities to spy on their fellow peasants in return for favours, arms and job security!

The Right can be blamed for the collapse of the various governments, since 1979 and before, where right wingers (like Garcia, a Colonel who became Minister for the Interior, and later for defence) stay on and displace out of successive juntas the more moderate, reform-minded young Army officers like Majano, and Christian Democrats like Zamora.

Finally we come to what might be regarded as the major reason for regarding the elections not just as a failure, but as entirely irrelevant. It is the tremendous success of the guerilla forces, the FMLN/RDR joint command, in inflicting defeats on the Salvadoran Army, protecting populations from army and paramilitary terrorism, and in establishing an autonomous infrastructure in "Liberated Zones", which now comprise nearly 30 percent of Salvadoran territory.

By "Liberated Zones" it is not just meant territory where guerillas can move around more or less freely, and have the support of the general population. The guerillas have had virtual control of the roads since mid 1982. By "Liberated Zones" it is meant territory which the guerillas control to the extent that the Army cannot enter it without suffering

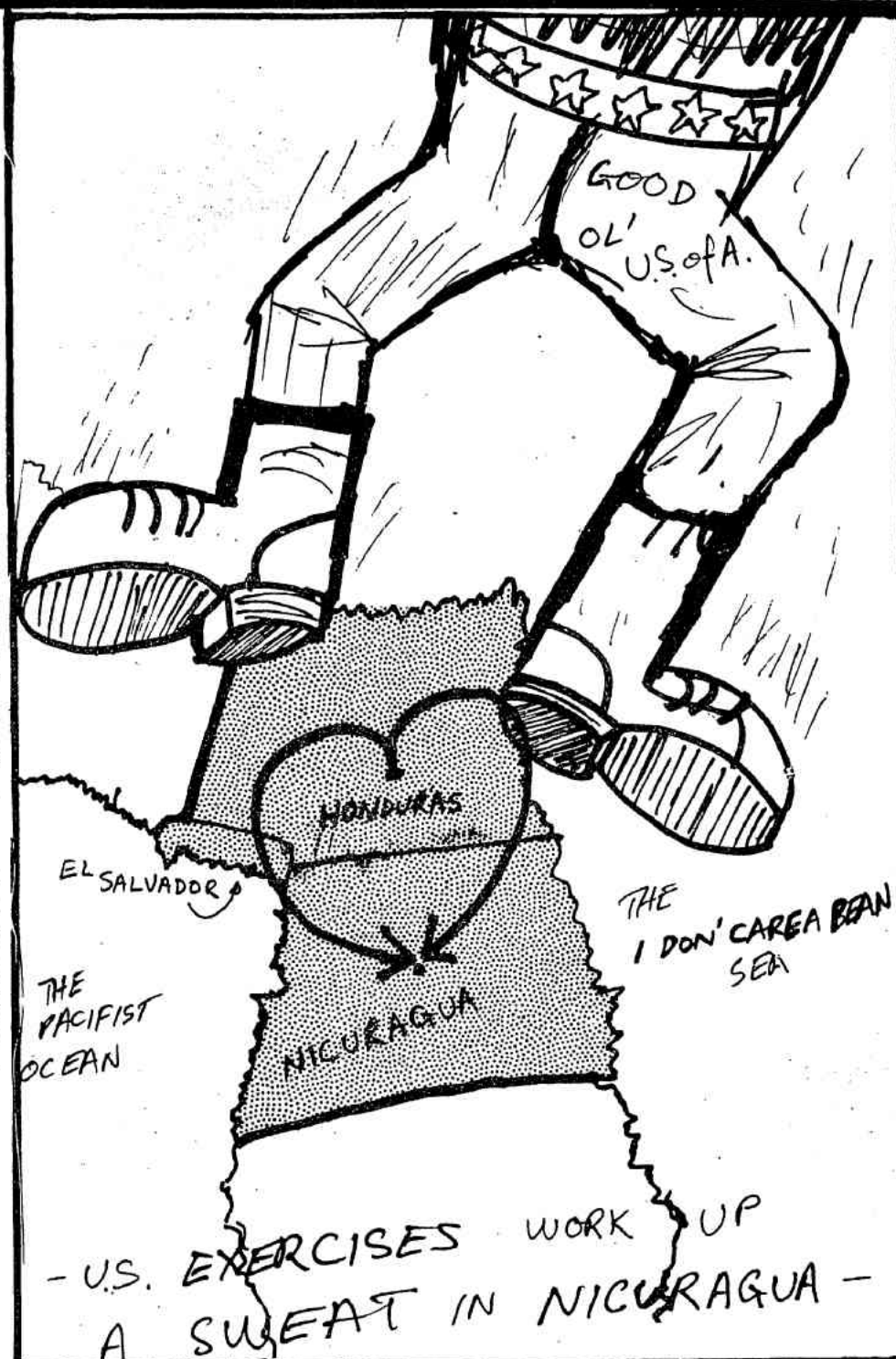
unacceptable losses. In these Zones they have established small factories and cottage industries to support the guerillas, have become self-sufficient in food, and have established schools and hospitals. They have even entered on an adult literacy campaign.

Most importantly, they have developed an administrative structure, which they believe would provide the organisation required should there be a major invasion, and this structure is run along strictly democratic lines. The members of a community can elect their equivalent of a mayor, and have the right to vote to have the guerilla commandante in charge of their security removed if he does not meet their approval.

Much of their organisation relates to the Nicaraguan experience, with remarkable similarities with the basic grass-roots organisations of the Sandinista administration, the CDS', or Sandinista Defence Committees, which evolved from similar beginnings.

To the people living in these Zones, the question of elections does not exist. The Western Press has picked this up, pointing out that the inhabitants of guerilla held areas don't get to vote in the Government elections. But they miss the point. Why should they want to vote? They've had their own democratic elections for the last 12 months!

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(CISCAC)



Zoobism 4

This may be, sadly, the last of the Zoobism articles. Unfortunately the Zoobs on campus take no real notice anymore of my gibes. Some, it is true, left the ANU, good riddance some might say but I do miss them. Bar opening time has lost its magical touch, the Zoobs that are left just don't seem to care any more.

Yes, yes, it is sad. But what can I, the writer, do about it? Well frankly I am flummoxed. Not only have the zoobs run out on me but the range of topics have run out (Zoobs, funnily enough have a rather limited interest rating. Second only to Liberals.)

True, they hardly drink, don't smoke either substance, dress sensibly, agree with their olds, enjoy Beethoven, laugh at dolphins, kick old ladies, have sex in the dark etc. etc. but there is a limit to the sort of abuse that one can pour on them. I mean, if they could maybe write to me or accost me in the Refectory and shower me with ideas, I may consider continuing to delight you. In point of fact, if anybody has any ideas then they may be most welcome. And yes, I am talking to you Mr Deep and Meaningful.

Although I do not wish to mention it, the fate of this once glorious article is in your hands. If anybody (and they know who they are) has any plans, requests etc. then write to me c/- WORONI address is The Save the Zoobism Trust, or else clobber me one day in the refectory. I will be wearing at least a Harris Tweed sports coat and a red and white beanie (minus the pom-pom).

Remember - ZOOBISM 5 needs you!!

John (Humble for just this once) Taylor



DON'T WEIGHT

Hello peasants, it's one of your AUS regional delegates here. No really I'm sorry, shall I begin again ?!!!!

Hi everyone, I'm Nikki Gerrand and you all very kindly voted me into the position of AUS regional delegate. Thank you. There has been a lot of confusion about what I am - actually standing for, or in student politics, whom. Well be it a cliché or be it not, I'm standing for the students. Running with the kind support and help of the AGL was fun but since the AGL is not a political party and therefore doesn't have any form of policy, I am not obliged to agree with any political policy. So whom do I agree with, no-one in particular. What I am concerned with however is the problems of tertiary students and tertiary institutions. Therefore as an AUS delegate I will not vote along political party policy lines but more along the lines of what will benefit students most. So if you've got any ideas, complaints or any desire to know what AUS does (or doesn't!) do, come and see me in Toad Hall or leave me a note in the SA office. I'm open to any form of suggestion with regard to student policy (and nothing else!!!!!!!!!!!!!! well maybe)

Nikki Gerrand

POETRY

THE FLIMSY EMPEROR

flutter, flittle, float
a dancing flight,
a silent beat, flashing emeralds,
now sunsets, seas and gold.

pause, expanse of symetry,
two halves, each alike.
centre, the life breathes a while
and off, floating, fickle flyer.

through wispy weeds and woods,
the breath of wind a ride.
as a stormy autumn leaf,
randomly, space the abode.

pause, colour dazzles my eyes;
stripes, shapes, spots, all shades
perfectly mirror matched.
one for one, power, flight.

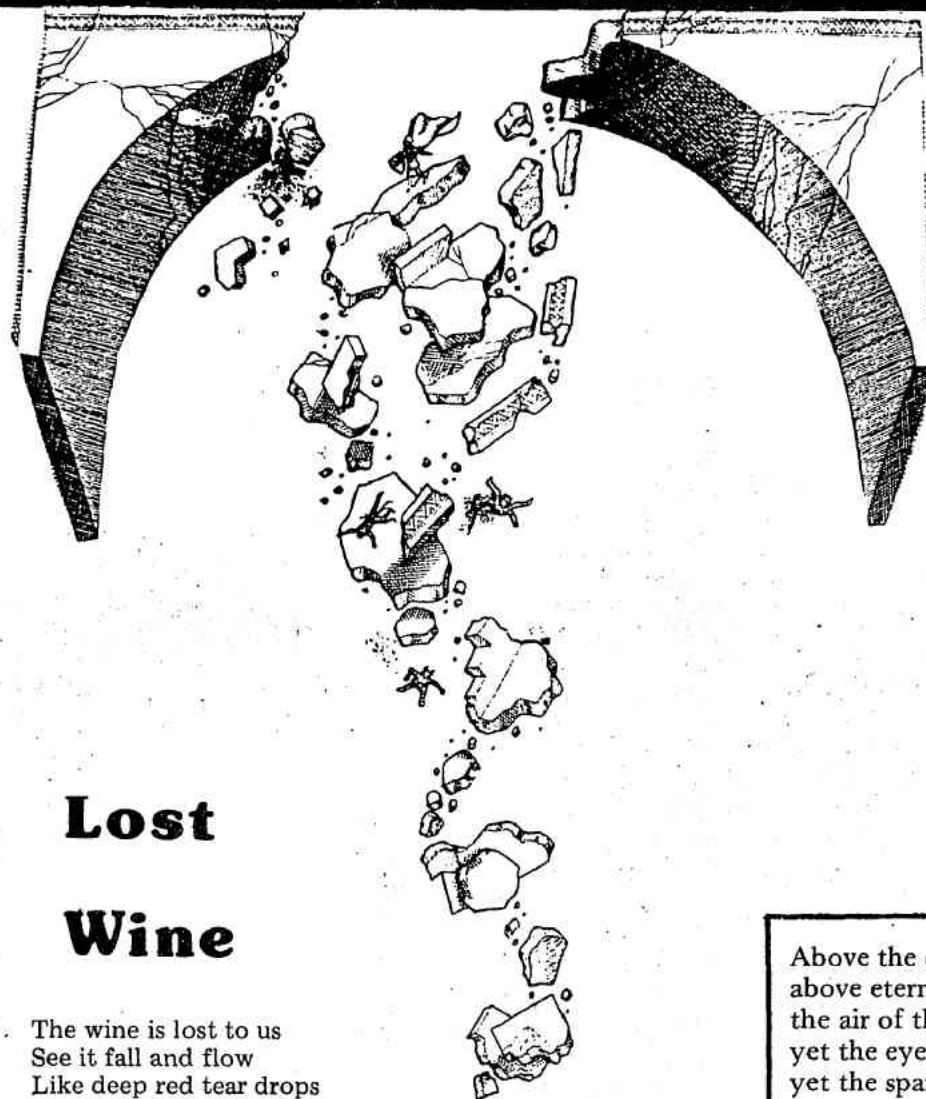
this time a thorn, no flower,
rips one powdery delicate tissue.
now ungainly, gross mutilation
mashed, grace aghast.

drop colourful wisp,
struggle, the air is all around.
one half so real, the other shreds.
flimp, flump, an ugly dance.

pause, this time eternal.
gasps of life bring little power
desperate beats of silken threads
futile for one half to move a whole.

the air, winds whistle by
the trees twitch and shiver
the grasses wander, heads bent
as the Emperor cannot fly.

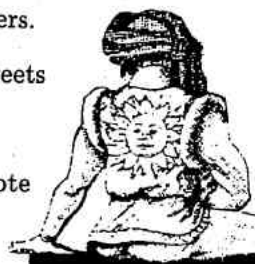
P.M.L.



Lost Wine

The wine is lost to us
See it fall and flow
Like deep red tear drops
On the paving stones.
Our secret gardens of the mind
Are ramshackle in disorder,
Rusty hinges hang the broken gate
The tall stone walls are breached
What grape grows here now,
Sour and small
Untended and forgotten flowers.
Dry and fall.
The fool uncaring runs the streets
Bottle uncorked.
Wine in the gutter.

Andrew Heathcote

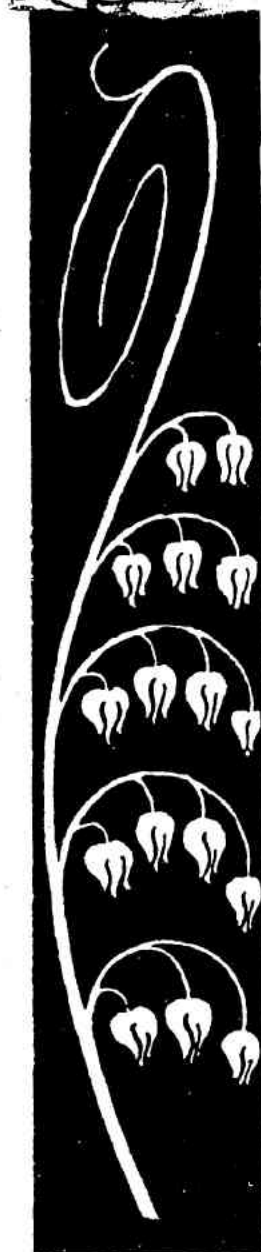


A LULLABY FOR TSARS

*Scene: Petersburg. Tsar Nicholas rocking the infant
prince to sleep*

sleep sleep o beautiful child
o Tsar's heir
will grow up to have a sack of money
cities villages be wiser
than your father me o king of kings
me with a kingdom called Siberia
will have inns & prisons
endless churches gendarmes cossacks guards outside your door
can whip & beat a man's flesh without tiring
o thou sweet Tsar's heir have no terrors
of Japan he thinks that I'm a fool but Russia
lives still still a Tsar is needed
o mad socialists who think they can abuse us
no no we'll shoot them torture them
pretend to constitutions yes we'll throw a bone
a fig (a finger) let the tears
& blood flow o thou my Tsar's heir only
knowing that you're well
spite of the howlers
journalists & poets singing songs
of what?
even the bombs exploding there
are old no news
is good news in the end
we'll catch them beat them may even string them up
by ones o Tsar's heir
clubs & knouts & police & spies
are everywhere
fill up my kingdom

Sholem Aleichem (Yiddish, 1859-1916)



BREAK APART

Soft strewn crystals
envelop the ground.
Clamour for sunlight
a dainty, dazzling fight.
Victory gives the watcher,
wrapped in greasy wool coiffure,
glittering possum paw impressions
of a rainbow's frozen toes;
gently shattered,
South wind scattered,
upon rock, winter trees
and rabbits' knees.

The greasy, woolly watcher
attempts to break apart,
hurling limb and ski clad feet
upon hills of icy might.
He speeds away,
along wet sunken grooves,
shoulder width apart;
grossly knifed
on perfect frozen white.

P.M.L.

Above the clouds
above eternity
the air of the wing buffets
yet the eye holds steady
yet the sparkle remains
desolate; alone; untested unleashing
with-held by the cover of minds dark.

As I see black on black
slight turn; slight recognition;
but no change, no message.
No transition.

Why here and seeing?
The answer, the question asked.
Black on black with sparkle unfaltering
towards the night.

Roger Nixon

INWARD BOUND

It's wet and raining,
And I haven't done enough training.
No where to be found.
Lost on unfamiliar ground
Why the hell did I go on . . . Inward Bound.

By Mr ASIO



SUNDAY

Take me to the beach,
Capture my smile with a shell.
Sprinkle the sand in the small of my back,
And trickle the sunoil from navel to thigh;
then back again once or twice.
till ritual reciprocated,
we shall lie inert.
Under the blanket of haze;
saying . . . "How lovely this is — it's
a pity tomorrow's Monday."
And when we've had our
very last swim, last stroll,
and last shore's trinket gathered;
we'll drive the car slowly to
the setting west, the windows up and air conditioning on.
While fondly reminding each other
of the work we haven't done.

Terese Simpson

MEDIUM RARE — Bill Quinn

GREETINGS! For those of you thinking, 'I haven't seen this column before,' that's very observant of you because this is the debut of **MEDIUM RARE**. (It was going to be called **FOCUS ON THE MEDIA** to annoy a fellow reporter, but even I have my limits.) By way of introduction then, my name is Bill, I'm a first year economics student and I'll be coming your way each edition in the name of (not so!) serious journalism. For those of you that don't read newspapers or watch television, I'll be focusing (oops) on some of the issues that the media chooses to present us with plus something of a personal view, and occasionally an article on elements of the media itself. Views expressed are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect DSP policy. (Just a little something for the Law students!) Contractual obligations thus dispensed with, read on

SOME HOPE FOR LUSHER?

Stephen Lusher MP has long since vacated his 'dole-house' in Braddon for the slightly more substantial home comforts of his property outside Cootamundra, leaving no doubt in the minds of the public who the black sheep of the political family is. The media have had their field day, '60 Minutes', their program and Mr Lusher's activities have passed into irrevocable history. Everyone was quick to criticise his actions and, to a certain degree, rightly so, but, like all the tragic baddies in fact or fiction history, Mr Lusher had one redeeming feature; he went into the exercise firmly believing that the unemployed were leading the smaller scale equivalent of the good life and were willing burdens to the economy and the taxpayers. He emerged from his week with a totally different attitude to the unemployed and was ready to admit that there was a case for raising the unemployment benefits.



'So what?', I hear you say. Mr Lusher could be in the future of some value to those that he was only recently calling 'dole bludgers'. Though there is no doubt that the exercise was in poor taste and in no way a realistic test of what unemployment entails in terms of real poverty and emotional frustration, it gave Mr Lusher just a taste of what living on the dole is like. Mr Lusher, for those of you hadn't heard of him, (how was Mrs this time of year?) is a politician, and as a Member of the house of Reps, he has a say in how our country is run. How many MHRs do you think have had to face real unemployment or the conditions thereof?

Not many, I'll wager. Unemployment may just become an issue with our lad, Steve; he has the power and the experience to at least make some ripples. As one of the unemployed at Jerrabomberra House put it: "... with your first hand experience, you should go in there and tell them what it's like." This is a point that the media tended to gloss over with the exception of the presenter of the '60 Minutes' story, Ray Martin, possibly in self defence.

Then again, I could be totally wrong and Mr Lusher might be content to sit on his complacent seta (Hume, I believe) and do nothing. But even if he does nothing, he will have done an invaluable service to the public for coining the following phrases:

The Lusher Syndrome occurs when one is fired from a *\$400 + job, receives unemployment benefits for a week and then miraculously finds another \$400 + job.
(not in very common usage)

The Lusher effect: sampling an alternative lifestyle and then deciding that upper middle class comfort beats abject poverty, hands down.

The Lusher Diet: lunch: vegemite sandwich and an apple.
dinner: spaghetti and mince
breakfast: for further details, see the menu at the Lakeside International.

to Lusher (verb): to make a fool of oneself in public.

LESS THAN IDOL-IC AWARDS NIGHT

You can bet there were some red faces around the ABC administration and programming departments since the telecast of the **Countdown Music Awards** on the 15th. The reason for the embarrassment is the behaviour of Billy Idol, one of the compères of the show. Countdown had given their international-singing-star-guest-compère, of Generation X fame, some heavy promotion in the five or six weeks leading up to the event and in the one or two programs that I saw in that period, Molly 'where-did-you-get-that-hat' Meldrum was getting quite worked up over the megastar's arrival.

Then again, Molly has a habit of sucking up to anyone who can string together a few notes and some words and call it music, especially if they're from Overseas.

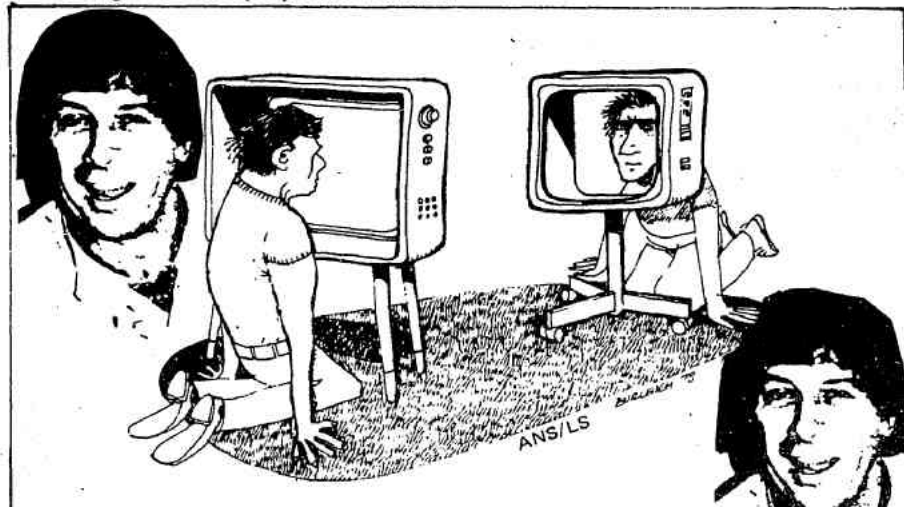
The big night arrived and Billy Idol appeared, much to the delight of the audience who were emitting piercing screams every time someone famous appeared or was even mentioned. (It's amazing how much you can tell about a crowd just by listening to them; this one was almost totally composed of girls between the ages of 12 and 16 who were fans of Tim Finn, Duran Duran and INXS.) Amyway, Billy mimed his way through his latest piece of solo drivel and sauntered on down to join Molly to present the award for the 'Best Imitation of the latest Imitation of Whatever it's Trendy to Imitate These Days', which I think went to a group of scrawny young 'uns labelled Pseudo Echo.

It was then that we got an inkling of the state that Mr Idol was in. I say inkling because I couldn't quite determine whether he was pissed out of his brain or ripped off his dial or perhaps a combination of both. I don't think he fit to drive a car or operate heavy machinery, put it like that. With one arm slung in ape-like fashion around Molly's neck, he proceeded to slur spatterings of unintelligible mutterings for the duration of his time on stage. The only intelligible phrases that I could make out were 'rock 'n' roll' and something about 'cerebral hell,' I think. Watching this display was uncontrollable bliss, as Molly could do little else but support the flailing drunk and attempt to steer

Billy's language away from the four letter variety, failing at least once. Doubled up with laughter, I was dragged out of the room for sedation halfway through and did not witness the multi-mega-star's exit.

As for the rest of the show, it was unentertaining and predictable as only Countdown can be. The only surprise of the night was Midnight Oil's securing of the 'Best Single and Best Promotional Video' awards; it's good to see an Australian band, which Countdown had largely ignored, win awards from the show. You never know, we might even see The Laughing Clowns or The Triffids on next year. Somehow, I doubt it.

Bill Quinn



GUTPUNCHER! COOKING HINTS WITH John Taylor

CAT ALLA SULLIES CREEK

If any of you are as yet undecayed, as it were, then I shall proceed with another of my pet recipes that is well a little adventurous. I won't go as far as to say that this dish will titillate the palate, but it may aggravate or provoke the diuretic reflex.

Ingredients:

- 1 Cat
- 9 litres Sullivans Creek water
- Contents of 2 ashtrays.
- 20 cockroaches (freely available in Refectory kitchen)



Method:

1. Skin the cat
2. Kill the cat
3. Soak cat for 20 mins in water
4. Roast in the same way as one would a chicken.
5. Allow to mature in a dark nasty corner of your compost heap
6. Dust with ashtray contents
7. Garnish with cockroaches
8. Serve when unbearable

Resist the temptation to scream after each mouthful.

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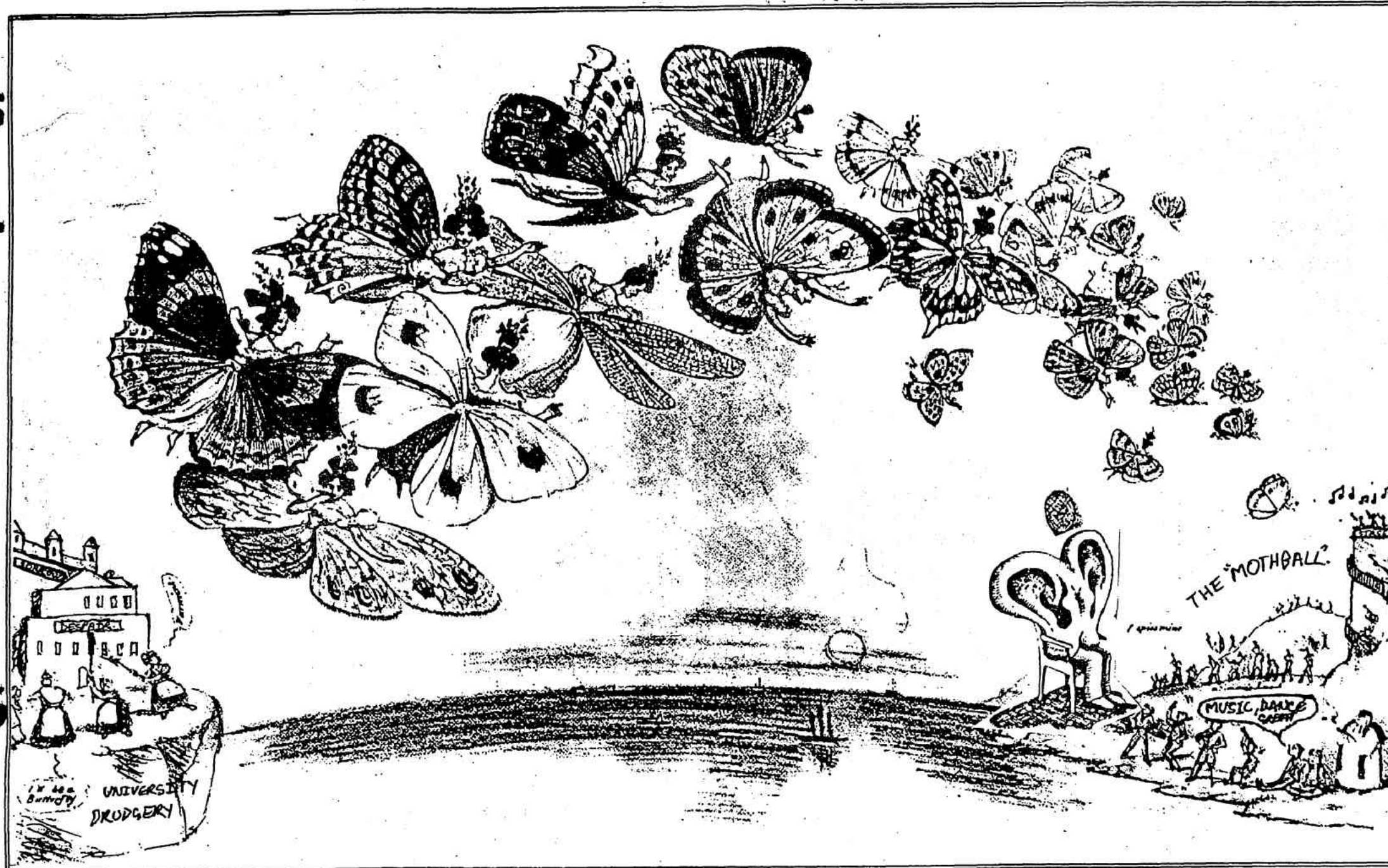
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WHY THE PEACE

For the last four or five years a massive popular "peace" campaign has swept the Western World. Throughout Europe, North America and Australia a significant amount of popular opinion has been mobilised by arguments propagated in such articles as appeared in the last edition of Woroni. In this rejoinder to those arguments I intend to show up the peace campaign for what it is; a hollow and dangerous sham which imperils the democratic values and freedoms which we in the West hold so dear.

It seems to me that the major mistake those who support the current peace campaign make is to forget the crucial and inherent differences between the two political systems of "East" and "West" whose hostility to each other has so dominated world politics since 1945. More specifically, they commit a heinous crime in forgetting, or even worse deliberately ignoring the despicable nature of those countries who describe their systems of government as "Marxist-Leninist". In its worst form, namely that of the USSR, this form of tyranny not only completely oppresses its own population but also seeks to spread its oppression to every other part of the globe where it sees a possibility of doing so. It is a tyranny responsible for more deaths, in the 1920's and '30's, than any other regime in the history of

man, including Nazi Germany. It is the first tyranny in history (in its East German form) to build a wall to keep its own people in. It is a tyranny which arbitrarily destroyed an airliner carrying over 200 innocent civilians and then had the gall, after first denying it had shot the airplane down, to dream up the excuse three days later that it had done so because the plane was in fact on a spy mission!

Yet, even in the light of these facts, there is a deliberate attempt by some to understate the evils of such countries as the Soviet Union, and to put that nation's crimes on a par with those which have been committed by the Western democracies and the undemocratic nations they support. Thus in Woroni 4 comes the euphemistic statement of the Student Disarmament Group that "we could hardly applaud the USSR's brutal over-determination" (in Afghanistan); an "over determination" which sees the presence of 100,000 troops in that hapless country, the butchering of thousands of innocent villagers (again presumably on spy flights for the CIA) and the flight of millions of refugees into Pakistan. I guess one might also mention that "we could hardly applaud" the "overly determined" Pol Pot (attempted genocide of Kampuchea, three million dead) and the "overly determined" imperialism of Cuba in Angola and Ethiopia; but perhaps the Student Disarmament Group just did not have enough space to mention these sad cases. The SDG did however insist that the current Marxist-Leninist government of Vietnam is a "national liberation force"; one which saw fit to "liberate" hundreds of thousands of more refugees, thousands of whom perished on their way to "fascist" Thailand, and also to "liberate" the people of Laos (admittedly murdering and gassing some of them in an "overly determined" way).

But I digress. What is most important to realise, irrespective of the degree of communist brutality, is that those countries behind the Iron Curtain are in fact tyrannies. In other words, they fit into a

pattern seen time and time again in world history; that of brutal repression of the home population, vigorous armed imperialism and overseas expansion, and total disrespect for any opposition other than that of armed force. Thus, whether it be from the dictator Hitler before World War II, from the dictator Galtieri of 1982, from the Marxist-Leninist dictators of today, we of the Western democracies have but one thing to learn; as that great Communist mass murderer of millions Chairman Mao said, "powers comes out of the barrel of a gun". When faced by a militant dictatorship there is only one option; to arm and prepare.

In the 1930's the Western nations tried to appease a fascist tyranny which thought the West would not fight — the price we paid was the loss of democratic Austria and Czechoslovakia, and the near loss of WW2 through under-preparedness. In 1982, the fascist Argentinians marched into the Falklands and then demanded negotiations over sovereignty fully expecting the British would not fight. Margaret Thatcher quite correctly saw that a principle was at stake far, far more important — and than the Falkland Islands themselves; namely the willingness and ability of democracy to fight back against tyranny to protect the democratic rights of the people of those islands. The SDG would presumably have told the Falklanders to engage in "non-violent resistance" through "non-co-operation, strikes and civil disobedience" etc. etc. Would that have won back the Falklands; did appeasement save six million Jews; did "non-violence" save Solidarity from



FRIENDS OF THE EVER-VIGILANT

1. Thank you dear Kendall for your thought provoking article valiantly trying to protect democracy from the "evil" SDG. We're obviously interested in the issues you raise, but in the interests of balanced reporting would like to clarify our perspectives (distorted by your lofty rhetoric). We too hold "democratic values" to be "so dear" but we go on to condemn the powers that be, that threaten our right to decide when and if we live or die. War is the biggest tyrant, not the political systems of East or West (seen as "goodies" and "baddies" in your eyes). Preventative measures against "nasty expansionist" Russia, such as stockpiling deadly weapons, are the means of ensuring that a "nuclear-exchange" remains an ever-present threat. Mistrust and fear of another political system propagates the idea that war is the only solution to any conflict whatsoever. Remember, Ken, there are no winners or losers in nuclear war.

2. Unfortunately Kendall has misrepresented SDG in several ways. Partly this is a matter of tone. "The SDG tell us that both superpowers harbour repulsive social systems". In fact, SDG suggested this as part of a chain of concepts following from a hypothetical decision "to reject the whole system of military blocks, the divided world, the balance of terror". SDG would not be attempting to "tell" anything to those (such as Kendall) who are happy enough with the whole balance of terror: we're just raising questions (and being amazed). Kendall also writes that the SDG "insist that the current Marxist-Leninist government of

Vietnam is a 'national liberation force'. Actually, SDG's 'Militarism' section included the following: "Many people . . . have observed . . . It has been suggested . . . one could then identify . . .". This hardly sounds like *insistence*. Furthermore, identifying a national liberation force at the beginning of the Indo-China War is a far cry from uncritical support for the Vietnamese state as it now is. After all, the militarism article did go on to say, "all militarism has distressing consequences (centralisation of power, as well as the obvious costs of human suffering)": that is, *waging war* is the condition most likely to promote an authoritarian state dependent on military power for its political structure. Such well-chosen words as "centralisation of power", like the equally useful "militaristic police-state dominated by a rigid bureaucracy" which SDG used to describe the USSR, should be savoured slowly, like fine wine, if one is not to get "the wrong idea". So too, "one could hardly applaud the USSR's brutal over-determination" should be recognized as *ironic* rather than euphemistic: SDG might well presume that people did in fact already know that things were somewhat unpleasant in Afghanistan.

3. "The USSR . . . seeks to spread its oppression to every other part of the globe" cries Kendall — but though this claim is one recurring throughout his article he offers no evidence to substantiate it. Apart from such a generalisation reeking of 1950's Cold War paranoia and hysteria, it reduces the complexit-

ies of today's international relations into a simplistic model of "us and them". Surely it is obvious that not all conflicts in the world are part of Kendall's 'universal' East-West struggle; and just as the Afghanistan resistance is not fighting for the USA it is equally true that revolutions in Angola and Nicaragua are not pro-USSR. Furthermore, the difficulties which Russia has had in maintaining its influence in Eastern Europe must lead one to question whether it really is willing and able to take on the burden of world domination. Kendall's position ignores such things as the movement of 'non-aligned' nations; and fails to consider the role that the USA plays in driving nations to the USSR bloc by using its political and economic power to isolate them (e.g. the sugar embargo the USA placed on Cuba was decisive in forcing Cuba towards a closer relationship with the USSR). Oh yes, one final point is that there are countries, such as Egypt,

which have successfully severed ties with, or distanced themselves from the USSR.

4. Kendall talks about a 'willingness to fight' Doesn't he realise that in the nuclear context the word 'fight' loses all meaning? It is not a question of winning or losing any more, but one of the survival of the human species. If only a small proportion of today's nuclear warheads are exploded it will be enough to bring about a nuclear winter, destroying the whole world's ecology. So how can you possibly condone that the US use nuclear weapons first??? You'd be

killing yourself as well as the others, a nuclear war cannot be limited. And the threat of first-use, and first-strike, are producing an uncontrollable risk.

5. Some comment must also be made about Kendall's use of figures on relative military spending. While it is often nice to use statistics (especially from such revered publications as *The Australian*), they must always be treated with caution, even scepticism, when their actual source is unknown. Furthermore, the value of such a comparison must be questioned in light of such things as the capability of Russia and the USA to destroy themselves, each other and innocent bystanders many times over already; and the fact that the USA has (since WWII) followed a policy based on nuclear weaponry as its response to Russia's conventional military build-up.

6. Who is this 'we' that Kendall keeps speaking for? Is it the royal plural of the anti-republican tendency in the Liberal Society?

7. It's good that Kendall didn't accuse the peace movement of being pro-Soviet in so many words (not only would our highly-strung moral sensibilities have been deeply wounded, we would probably have reached for our defamation writs). The war-mongers' "armament-and-defiance" is clearly not a constructive program for peace, justice and human rights in areas under Soviet imperialism. Compared with the breakdown of the military/political blocs by means of the demilitarisation of Europe: deterrence

CAMPAIGN IS A SHAM

martial law? The answer to all of these questions is of course "no". Britain matched fire with fire in the South Atlantic and freedom was the victor; for not only were the Falklands liberated, but the Argentinian military defeat led directly to the formation of the strongest democratically elected government in that nation's history.

Now, in 1984, the West faces a similar crisis. The "Weekend Australian" of April 14-15 reports that "In the past decade Soviet military procurement spending has been about \$US550 billion, American \$US350 billion. Military research and development spending has been \$US320 billion in the USSR to \$US180 billion in the US." Taking the relative Gross National Products of each nation into account, this represents a Soviet outlay twice that of the USA's. Not surprisingly, this has resulted in a massive Soviet pre-dominance in divisions (176 v 93), tanks (42 000 v 14 000), artillery (35 000 v 11 500), and combat vehicles (75 000 v 35 000). Faced with this threat from these fascists who call themselves "communists", what should our response be; that of appeasement, disarmament and surrender, or that of proud defiance in the face of tyranny? How is it possible to talk peace with these invaders of Afghanistan, these builders of the Berlin Wall, these murderers of millions; Wherever tyranny's ugly face appears there can only be one response; eternal vigilance, eternal opposition.

In the elections of 1980 and 1983 the peoples of the United States and Great Britain made their attitude clear by supporting leaders willing to stand up to totalitarian threats in order to protect the Western democracies. In

France, the socialist President Mitterand currently exhibits the most aggressively anti-Soviet stance of any President since De Gaulle. In Western Europe, in 1979 the NATO governments responded to the threat of the new Soviet SS-20 missiles by asking the US to supply Cruise and Pershing. Despite minority opposition ("minority" because in West Germany, for example, Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats won a smashing electoral victory while supporting deployment) this deployment has gone ahead in continued recognition of the need to show a willingness to fight. And let there be no mistake that it is the willingness which is crucial. We of the Free World

don't want war, but if we show the Soviets by our actions that we will respond to their aggression then we make it almost certain that there will be no war. Hitler thought Britain and France would not fight over Poland; Galtieri thought Britain would not fight over the Falklands; will the "peace" campaigners of 1984 make war all the more likely by persuading the communist tyrants of our unwillingness to fight?

It is not surprising therefore that both the "peace" candidates in the 1984 US elections, Walter Mondale and Gary Hart, should recently have refused to rule out the US being the first to use nuclear weapons in the event of a war with the Soviet Union. They recognised that such a response would be necessary to stop the Soviets overrunning Western Europe with their massive conventional superiority in arms (see above). More importantly, they realised that their threat to use nuclear weapons is the best way to prevent a Soviet attack; *not* as the peace campaigners contend, by ruling out such first use of nuclear weapons.

Let me conclude by pointing out that our Western democratic way of life is something worth fighting for. The SDG tell us that "both superpowers harbour repulsive social systems". Is it really true that the magnificent 200 year old democracy of the United States, and by implication of Australia, Britain, New Zealand, West Germany, France, and Japan etc. etc. is both repulsive and on a par with the tyranny that is Marxist-Leninism? Is it possible that a way of life which has as its basis the participation of every citizen in its politics, which continually allows the election of opposing political groups and which has produced the Lincolns, Churchills, Kennedys and others whose names we hold so dear, can really be slandered in such a way by a group standing for "peace"? Surely the answer again must be "no". And in saying "no" we need only look as far as the principle of political accountability so obviously present in the democratic West and so obviously lacking in the totalitarian East. How superior is the system which allows popular opinion to end a war (in Vietnam), to unseat dishonest Presidents and Prime Ministers, and to bring to trial those responsible for such crimes as our democracies do commit (such as Lieutenant Cally's slaughter at My Lai). How inferior a system which lets massacres and war and imperialism on a monumental scale go untried and unexcused by the people; for, conversely, however much we might condemn President Reagan's intervention in Central America, we do have to admit that such actions have the support of a democratically elected President (who must face a further electoral test on those policies in November of this year) and a democratically elected Congress.

Even in turning to those Western countries unquestionably totalitarian in nature there is no need to lessen our opposition to the tyrants of the Eastern Bloc. Invariably the comparison still puts the communist countries to shame, whether it be in economic performance and freedom (South Korea or Singapore v. North Korea and Vietnam) or in the allowing of at least some independent political force to exist; just compare the opposition in the Phillipines or South Africa with the opposition in the USSR or Cuba! Most strikingly of all comes the realisation that never has a communist country been converted forcibly or peaceably to democracy. Despite the uprisings of Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland et al. there has never been a real and fair democratic election in the Eastern Bloc. Contrast this to the flowering of democracy in Spain and Greece and Argentina and Portugal after years of tyranny; and the replacement of right wing totalitarianism in these countries not with right wing democracy but miraculously now with democracy of the Left. Can there be any doubt that this freedom is worth fighting for? Can there be any doubt that we must show ourselves willing to fight the communist tyranny which now threatens us? Can there be any doubt therefore

that the current peace campaign is a sham and a mistake? In answering no, let us lovers of freedom unfurl our democratic banners and reaffirm our commitment to the eternal vigilance and defiance so necessary for liberty.

Kendall Odgers
ANU Liberal Society

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failed to prevent the invasion of Afghanistan (trade-off for Pakistan?), and has not done much for Eastern Europe either. It is the superpowers' system of 'spheres of influence' (the walls of armaments and 'security' which constrain their allies) which stand in the way of self-determination for all peoples.

8. There can be no question any more that the people of West Germany don't want the Pershing Missiles. Even if you don't consider demonstrations of over 500,000 people large and an indication of the peoples' will, it has been expressed otherwise: in an National Opinion Poll 60 percent of the German population expressed their opposition to these missiles.

Then why were the Christian Democrats elected? Mainly because the opposing Social Democrats had had serious internal difficulties and weren't in a very strong position to face the numerous other problems of the country; and because the Free Socialist Party decided to go into coalition with the Christians rather than the Social Democrats, their usual partners.

9. Kendall ridicules the concepts of non-violent resistance and civil disobedience and implies that military conflict is more effective. But his examples do not substantiate that war is the only way to achieve freedom. Would non-violent resistance have won back the Falklands, he asks. His idea of 'winning' and 'losing' is school-boyish in its simplicity and by necessity it precludes any hope of reaching a peaceful solution perhaps by con-

sultation with Argentina (and sparing hundreds of lives). Did the 2nd World War save six million Jews from the Nazi massacre? What would have happened if the infant Solidarity had taken up arms and declared war on the repressive state - their fate would have been bloody and swift.

As it was, as a non-violent resistance Solidarity managed to survive and grow, despite the militarist state, gathering mass support within Poland and internationally, creating a space for cultural and political renewal, producing new possibilities, which are not dead, despite the roll-back of their institutional gains. Provocation by violence would have been an excuse for the State to answer with violence: and perhaps the Polish might prefer even martial law, to civil war and invasion.

10. The Korean airliner incident: America has no responsibility according to Kendall. Perhaps the plane "was in fact on a spy mission" - is this so incomprehensible or do we have to swallow the first hysteria and ignore the later contributions from, for example, American pilots who have actually flown "surveillance missions". What about mistaken translations, unreleased tapes, the almost-impossibility of taking the wrong flight-path, the American seizure of the "black box", the no-loss situation for America given the political climate relating to Cruise deployment, the Soviet pilot's warning an hour before the shooting, the RC 135 spy-plane that had recently left the Kamshatka area

(jamming anything and everything, perhaps?) . . . Anyway, this dirty incident was hardly the work of the Kremlin, it was a regional commander who took the decision, which suggests that it is the whole system of military responsibility which is at fault, out of the control of not only the people but even governments, and doesn't that place us all at risk in this "launch on-warning" age? And is it true that Nixon was warned not to take that flight? (We can't remember which December issue of the Adelaide Advertiser that was in).

11. "Margaret Thatcher quite correctly saw that a principle was at stake far, far more important than the Falkland Islands themselves" namely, the next election? Yes, political conditions in Argentina and Britain are different, but both had severe

unemployment, and mounting dissatisfaction with recessionary policies. That war hysteria has popular appeal might be part of the problem, not a justification (look at Iran even). Such a foe of tyranny, and champion of the sacred ballot-box, as Kendall would do well to recall that the Nazis were voted into the Reichstag.

"Britain matched fire with fire in the South Atlantic and freedom was the victor": if Argentina was such a dictatorship before the invasion, why didn't Britain cut trade-links? Why the French arms sales? Does 'freedom' explain the sinking of the Belgrano? Wouldn't Argentina be saying similar things if they'd won? And who will win their elections after a 'fire with fire' nuclear holocaust, anyway?

Written by Mandy, Suzanna, Philip, Alex.



"NEMADZIVHANANI ELOQUISES"

Maxwell Nemadzivhanani addressed the April 15 Peace Rally in Canberra. Maxwell is the Pan Africanist Congress representative to Australia and the Pacific. The PAC is one of the two major resistance movements in Azania (South Africa).

While regional conflicts rage, major powers like the United States are playing increasingly interventionist roles such as in Lebanon, or El Salvador or with the US invasion of Grenada last year. The US is spending huge amounts of money to back up its war capacity and expand its conventional and nuclear arsenals.

As US Cruise and Pershing missiles are stationed in Western Europe, revamped battleships like the US New Jersey are used in action in the Caribbean or Mediterranean Seas.

Australia too is inextricably linked to increasing US militarism via the presence of American bases which are crucial to the targeting and launching of nuclear missiles; the visits of US warships and planes, the commitments of the ANZUS treaty. Australian foreign policy under Liberal and Labor governments support American efforts.

As we fight the threat of war we must ask: What changes must be made before we see real progress towards peace?

War does not come about as a result of the existence of weapons, not the particular whim of this or that world leader. The root cause of wars is the international tensions created by the conflict within a social system which allows a handful of rich and powerful nations the ability to exploit and thereby impoverish the majority of the world's population.

This system is dominated by the United States with the help of its allies like Australia, and while it exists it will be challenged. Popular rebellions in the Third World countries will continue. They can become potentially wider conflicts as long as the United States has the power to block them.

More than anything else we need to take away from the rulers of the United States and Australia the political power to make war on the third world.

While such wars are fought mainly by conventional means they can become nuclear wars: The use of the atom bomb was advocated by the US military leaders in the Korean and Vietnam wars; The nuclear red alert in the Middle East brought the unthinkable closer in 1973 and; the continued hostility and harassment of the Cuban revolution after 1959 by the US led to the missile crisis of October 1962, which brought the world as close as it has been to destruction.

Amid the preparations for war the US claims that its arms build up is simply to match the "other side", meaning the Soviet Union. The US describes liberation struggles in the Third World as pawns of the USSR.

This East-West rhetoric is false. The real division of the world is more accurately a North-South division between the industrially advanced powers of the US, Western Europe, Japan and Australia; and the impoverished, underdeveloped nations of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The average condition of existence for these peoples is a life of grinding poverty. Life expectancy is on the average a mere 40 years, drastically shortened by malnutrition and curable diseases are rife. Unemployment is chronic. Work is seasonal agricultural labouring or a life of toil on a plot of land insufficient to feed a family properly.



These people do not constitute a threat to the ordinary Australian yet the Government and its US ally prepare for war with them. The recently leaked 1983 Strategic Basis document revealed the underlying hostility of the Australian governments past and present to our Third World neighbours.

Clearly, it is our own government and its American ally that are the greatest threat to peace.

We demand the expulsion of all US nuclear bases in Australia and an end to military co-operation and visits by US warships and planes.

We should end the mining and export of uranium to the world market which allows the nuclear market to be stockpiled.

We demand the withdrawal of Australian military forces from the Sinai where they enabled the invasion and occupation of Lebanon; and the withdrawal of the Australian air base at Butterworth in Malaysia.

We must stop aid given to dictators in Indonesia and the Philippines and a repetition of the covert support given to the CIA in 1973 when the Allende government in Chile was overthrown.

We should insist on an end to support for colonial regimes such as the Apartheid white minority government in South Africa, or Israel and prevent their expansionary wars in Namibia.

We must oppose US actions in Central America, and oppose creation of new Vietnam type wars.

The root cause of wars of the international tensions created by the ability of a handful of rich and powerful nations to exploit and impoverish the majority of the world's population. This exploitation is maintained by force.

So huge transnational monopolies control the mines, factories and plantations of Asia, Africa, Central and Southern America and the Middle East. They control the production, transport, distribution and sale of these goods and their profits go into the hands of the already powerful.

The super-exploitation of the black South African mineworker or the plantation worker in Central America comes down to the same thing. And as long as this injustice continues, people will fight against it.

THE COMBINED SOLIDARITY GROUPS

Philippines Action Support Group

The Philippines Action Support Group is working in various ways to stop Australian military and economic aid going to the Marcos regime. The group works to support Filipinos struggling against political repression and economic exploitation and for justice and national democracy.
PO Box E146 Queen Victoria T.C. 2600
Ph. Lynn Lee 477875

The Campaign Against Repression in the Pacific and Asia

CARPA was established to support the fight for the human rights of people of Asia struggling against political repression and gross exploitation.
PO Box 1138, Canberra City 2601,
Phone Max 886 893

Committee in Solidarity with Central America and the Caribbean

CISCAC defends the revolutions in Cuba, Nicaragua and El Salvador and is working to halt US intervention in the region.
PO Box 606, Dickson. 2602
Ph. John 478 813

Palestine Human Rights Campaign

PHRC was formed to generate an understanding amongst Australians of the tragedy caused by the dispossession of the Palestinians and provide information and support for Palestinian human rights.
PO Box 95 Lyneham 2602. Ph. Michael 818 523.

Southern Africa Support Campaign of Australia

A national organisation working to develop support for the people and organisations struggling to end national oppression and gain self-determination in Azania (South Africa)
GPO Box 1185, Canberra 2601. Phone Kerry 476 264.

Chile Solidarity Committee

One of several committees in Australia working to defend the Chilean people facing repression at the hands of the Allende regime which came to power after the US inspired coup of 1973.
PO Box 606, Dickson 2602.

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COLD GOLD WILLOW-STRIPPERS FREEZE OUT MAZURKA

Throughout the folk history of Australia people have danced. They have often had to overcome great obstacles in getting a dance together: from having the band cycle 80 miles to play; to the problem of Euabalong Station, where the women were so scarce that the men resorted to dancing with sheep!(1) But no-one before has ever been silly enough to do bush-dancing on ice.



Are you sure of this?

Traditionally the only dances performed on ice have always been very refined dances for couples only. Usually the dancers are very experienced figure skaters who have a good background in precise and intricate figure skating techniques.

By contrast, the "Bushie Ice Dancers" (of Canberra — and first in all the world!), who frequent the Phillip ice-skating rink on Monday nights, are just a bunch of fun-loving people sharing an unlikely, but common interest. Indeed, some of us knew how to ice skate, and some knew how to do some bush dances, but few knew both, and certainly no-one knew how to do both together (at least in the beginning). But now, of course, all that has changed! We are all perfect skaters and do every dance backwards! That's why we're all taking lessons and falling over! Actually the group has come together quite a bit and some dances have got going nicely; such as the Waves of Tory and the Ninepins Quadrille. We do quite a few other dances (a list of which is included at the end of this diatribe) and we're prepared to do any others — if it's possible.

The group is composed of a wide variety of people — students, teachers, draughtspeople, and even a computer programmer! This somewhat disparate group has, seemingly, only the silliness of their hobby in common. This is enough. There is no structure to the group and only the most tenuous of organisation — a sheet of paper with names on it (which I've lost). As someone once put it:

"There is chaos in Heaven, and the situation is excellent."

There is, of course, chaos on ice.

When the originators of the various and assorted dances were busy creating and developing them, they might have thought they would become popular enough as "woolshed dances" but I'm sure that they could never have envisioned people trying to perform their dances whilst skating on ice! (God only knows what they'd think of us). We don't even have the decency to stick to one dance all the way through — indeed it's not unheard of for us to start one dance but finish it as another, with a liberal coating of mass-confusion in the middle.



Look! You need some support!

Even when you think that the dance is all ready to go something will crop up. Take, for example, the "Ninepins Quadrille" which consists of nine people ("pins") in a square of four couples with the 9th person having a special influence. First the four people of the same sex circle in the centre, around the 9th pin, first left then right, then they run away. The remaining five circle, and on a command separate to find a partner. Then the chase is on — and of course it is tremendous ego booster to have two or three people chasing you for their partner, so it's hardly surprising that there's some mirthful rivalry before we actually get going.

And the shambles that develops, when another couple unexpectedly joins the "Waves of Tory", is quite delightful. Yes, half the charm of what we do is built on the utter and absolute cock-ups that occur again and again. Take the "Cumberland Quadrille" as a grand example. This dance contains the dreaded "basket" spin — where two couples spin as a group interlocked alternatively. The women are held, by the men's arms, as the men spin faster and faster, the women gain momentum and gradually defy gravity as their legs and body lift off the ground (or ice in our case!) until they are spinning almost at right-angles to the men, and hanging on for dear life! "Ha ha ha," you say "you must be mad!". Well, it worked the first time, but the second time

But, you don't necessarily need to get bruises for there to be a disaster. Suppose you're doing a "Baker's Wife" (dance) and know not what to do. You grab the first arm that comes toward you and spin. Can you stop? I can't. In our early days this meant that skaters ended up spinning hopelessly on the

spot, finishing up looking a bit dazed with our heads still reeling around and around.

But, "never fear, just keep in time with the music and you'll be alright!". Mind you, therein lies another problem. I (Martin) play the tin whistle and can play some dance music. The ice rink plays a bloody loud stereo and can play disco and rock music. This can produce a conflict — especially when the dancers cannot even hear shouted instructions, let alone my poor tin whistle. But never fear — we have a good time, we dance and skate and when we're done, we return to that brilliantly named, although misspelt, bar — the Contented Soul (or perhaps the Contended Sole).



Why didn't I just stay at home?

A short note on the photographs. Our happy little band of extroverts were suddenly transformed into depressed introverts when the camera was brought out. Some hid, others turned away, but one brazen soul went up to Peter and said:

"Go away with your nasty camera! And don't you dare point it at me again phbblluuuuurrrrrr!!!"

Well, having a marvel of modern technology called nasty is one thing — but a raspberry as well is just salt in the wound. So our beloved photographer had to stay back in the sidelines while trying to look inconspicuous with a four foot telephoto-lens. He was successful! And if there's blur in the pictures, it's because we're moving. (P.S. — the culprit in question shall remain nameless, but has been clearly captured on film, although not in the act — see if you can pick her!)

So . . .

if you can stand the concept of bush dancing on ice to the stirring beat of Australian Crawl or if you can just stand-up (or not) on ice:

You are hereby invited to attend the —

"Bushie Ice Dancers"
Monday nights
8.00pm
Phillip Ice Skating Rink

—for inspired silliness!

or contact: Margaret B179
Burton & Garran Hall
or Peter ph 662 522 (w);
470 964 (h);

(1) See the "Euabalong Ball" song if you don't believe us!

Appendix I: The Ice Skaters' Polka.

This is just a list of the dances that we are doing now. It is by no means complete or intended to define what dances we shall do.

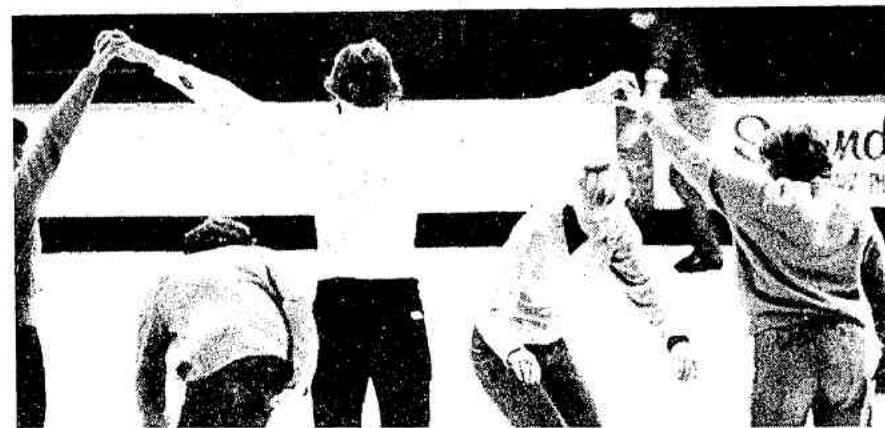


I'm sure this isn't what I signed up for.

Strip the Willow, Virginia Reel, Willow Tree, Thread-the-Needle; the Spin-Skaters' Delight; Flying Pieman, Baker's Wife, the Troika; the Southern Cross; the New Parliament House jig; a Waltz Country Dance; and an Appalachian Running Set — this last one takes an hour to do, so we don't do it too often! (We don't know it all, either).

We do absolutely no polkas, mazurkas, varsoviennas and definitely and certainly no morris!

. . . . see you there,
Martin Hungerford
Peter Williams



Ducking & weaving



A rip-and-snort and God! My arm!

Photographs by Peter Williams

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Redpath's Rave.

The situation I faced upon taking office as President was not a good one. Student activity on campus was run down and the Association was not fulfilling its important role in providing the extra curricular social, cultural and political dimension to student life. My endeavours during office were primarily directed at revitalising student activities and the profile of the Students' Association.

This report seeks to record student activities in 1983. Two caveats should be noted. The first is that, as a President's report, my description of activities may imply that I was solely responsible for those activities. Needless to say in most of these activities other people participated as much or more than myself. Secondly, memory is selective and I take full responsibility for errors and omissions, while recognising that most are simply oversights.

WOMENS STUDIES

The Womens Studies Program was a product of student agitation in 1974. Since then it has regularly been under threat. I am pleased to report that, as a result of student action in 1983, the program is secure with two full-time staff for three years, and potentially the two academic positions will be tenured.

POLITICAL ECONOMY

Political Economy was a major activity of the Students' Association. A program of speakers was organised to expose students to different perspectives on Economics. Twenty to sixty students, on average, turned up to the talks. The program itself was a bit disjointed but it was a worthwhile and interesting endeavour. A speakers' program is something the Association should consider as a regular feature.

Efforts were made to deregulate Economics III (i.e. remove the compulsory third-year syllabus) and to get an inquiry into the establishment of a Political Economy course. Despite widespread student support, practice at other universities and poor arguments from the Economics Department the Economics Faculty did not deregulate Economics III. The Board of Faculties did approve an internal inquiry into Political Economy.

In addition, the Association provided some solidarity in the Sydney Political Economy struggle. Unfortunately, it will take a long time to alter conservative economics departments and the blinkers of Neo-classical economics. Special thanks go to Paul Flanagan, Lorraine Dearden, Stewart Carter, James Juniper and Matthew Storey.

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Clubs and societies are a major part of Students' Association activities and it was encouraging to see a larger number of clubs and societies and activities in 1983. Particularly heartening was the development of overseas student societies like the International Students' Association, the Indian Students' Association, the Malaysian Students Association and the Hong Kong Students' Association. A number of other departmental and faculty based student groups used the Association to produce journals and newsletters that raised critical consciousness of education at the ANU.

Some negative aspects should be mentioned. The Geology Society incident was not handled in the most diplomatic way, generating misunderstanding but hopefully no long term damage. Activities in 1983 revealed the need to redraft the clubs and societies guidelines.

BUSH WEEK AND ORIENTATION WEEK

As part of the rebuilding of student activity at ANU, special effort was put into Orientation Week and Bush Week activities. The result was that these weeks were more successful than they have been for a number of years. Credit must go to Frances Lowe for O-Week and Leo Lasauskas, Lewis Maund, Glenn Martin and the Forestry Student Society for Bush Week.

PUBLICATIONS

The Association produced a Counter-Course Handbook, an Orientation Week Handbook and the newspaper Woroni. Woroni was particularly noteworthy as it came out regularly, was of a good length and high standard, was topical and interesting. Few people realise the work that goes into Woroni and George Morgan, Helen Campbell and those who helped deserve considerable praise.

A major piece of equipment, the headliner, was purchased in 1983. This has proved invaluable for Woroni and clubs and societies.

NATIONAL

The ANU Students' Association continued to play a significant role in national student politics. We had two Association members, Jane Connors and myself, on the Australian Union of Students Executive, and continued to push a progressive line on national student activities. A number of ANU students gave papers at the AUS Curriculum Conference and the Association was also represented at the International Affairs Conference, the Commonwealth Students Meeting, the Student Affairs Conference and regional and national Student Representatives Training camps.

Various clubs and societies sent delegates to national conferences. Despite the legislation, national contact remains an important part of student activity.

THE S.R.C.

One of my election promises was the smooth implementation of a Student Representative Council. I regret to say that this did not occur during my Presidency, largely because the task was much more daunting and difficult than anyone anticipated. Credit must go to Gary Humphries for his hard work in developing an alternative constitution and for his input.

RE-ORIENTATION DAY

A major education activity of the Association was organising a Re-Orientation Day in first term. The day was an outstanding success with 50+ students attending workshops on their faculty and general issues in education. The day raised important questions as to the nature of education at the ANU.

UNIVERSITIES COUNCIL, COMMONWEALTH TERTIARY EDUCATION COMMISSION

As part of the preparation of the next triennium report, the Universities Council of the CTEC visited the ANU. The Association was given time with the Council and presented a submission highlighting the effects of funding cuts on undergraduate education and the need for the CTEC to reverse some of its policies. Specific recommendations included an increase in funds to the faculties, a reconsideration of childcare

policy, better funding of libraries and education services and improvements in accommodation. The submission was received favourably and we should know the rewards of our endeavours in the next triennium report.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Initiatives were taken in 1983 to establish a Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedures Committee. Strong student input was important in shaping the definition of sexual harassment and appropriate coverage and procedures. A draft of the guidelines has been completed and is being considered by the administration. More work needs to be done to publicise the procedures and to strengthen the guidelines.

Credit here must be given to the tireless efforts of Leisa Simmons, Kathleen Orr, Debra Hope and others for providing student input.

ACCOMMODATION

There was an accommodation crisis at ANU in 1983. The Association assisted in alleviating the problem through the use of the Cottage and in helping placement by closely working with Student Accommodation.

The Association also prepared a submission for the University Council on likely accommodation problems in 1984. The report highlighted the need for adequate staffing of the Student Accommodation Office and made various suggestions to improve accommodation. Some cognizance was taken of the report's recommendations.

CHILDCARE

The Association assisted Parents on Campus and the Campus Childcare Collective in the development, production and distribution of a survey of childcare needs on campus. This data base will be an essential prerequisite in securing improvement in childcare.

ANTI-STUDENT LEGISLATION

The Association is plagued by anti-student legislation (S29A and S32A of the ANU Act) which prevents our full participation in the Australian Union of Students, despite the obvious will of the majority of members.

Attempts were made to get this anti-democratic and iniquitous legislation repealed and the ALP government made a commitment to repeal the legislation early in 1984.

DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES BOARD

The Division of Educational Services Board is the umbrella organisation for services like the Counselling Service, Careers and Appointments, the Health Service etc. The Association provided considerable input into these areas and assisted in getting more staff for the Communications and Study Skills Unit to deal with overseas students and in ensuring that annual reports of the various units are open to all students.

ADMISSIONS

1983 saw the introduction of quotas on intake in Accounting I and Computer Science I. This was resisted but probably was necessitated because of resources available in 1984. Action needs to be taken to remove these quotas for 1985.

PEACE

It was extremely encouraging to see the development of an active Student Disarmament Group in 1983. The Association provided assistance for the Peace Rally and various anti-uranium protests.

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The increased level of activity was partly reflected in attendance at S.A. meetings. There were quorums at all meetings in first term and a fairly good record thereafter. No doubt this could be improved.

General meetings are a vital aspect of democracy in the Association and members ought to attend for a useful, informative and entertaining evening.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER STUDENT ORGANISATIONS

It was encouraging that relations between the Association and the Sports Union were improved in 1983.

Regrettably, relations with the Union were not as good as they could be. The administrative staff, the Bar Manager and the Bar Supervisor were always helpful and friendly. At times the Association was hampered by managerial bloodmindedness. Some of this stems from a confusion between my position as President and criticism as a Union member. There also seems to be some confusion as to the balance of responsibilities in an organisation that is both a trading body and has some duty to its members. Hopefully relations between the Union and the Association will be improved in 1984.

THE DEFICIT

On the auditors' report it looks as if the Association will run at a deficit in 1983. This was a regrettable but necessary part of revitalising student activity in 1983. Two factors made significant contributions to this deficit. First, the outgoing President did not request enough from the General Services Fee Advisory Committee to cover increases due to inflation and greater student activity. Secondly, there was an unusually large amount of national activities in 1983. No one would deny the importance of national activities.

A more adequate General Services Fee was requested for 1984 and it appears there will be fewer national conferences. I am confident that the deficit can be made up by the end of 1984.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Numerous things remain to be done. There is a need to continue to publicise the Association and the services it provides. Work needs to be done on an appeals procedure, the implications of faculty funding, critical courses at ANU, better lighting....

... AND THANK YOU ...

I must confess I did enjoy being S.A. President. This was largely due to the assistance of various people.

Special thanks to "my family" for their constant support, advice and tolerance. Also to Di Riddell and Peta Watt. Put simply, you couldn't ask for better, more helpful people with whom to work.

In addition, I would like to thank Lorraine Dearden, Peter Taylor, Jane Connors, George Morgan, Emma Grahame, Denise Meredith, Alex Anderson, Jeffrey Dalton, Philip Kellow, Marina Farnan, Frances Lowe, Ian Redpath, Helen Campbell, Julian Thomas, Simon Baker, Leisa Simmons, Kenton Lawson, David Branson, Harriet Grahame, Gregory Myers, Michael Bartos, John Buchanan, Bruce Smith, Lesley Ward, Ian Barnes, Karen James, Will Firth, Morgan Thomas and Sue Drakeford for their assistance.

Bill Redpath

**** (THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO GOVERNMENT TENANTS)****

Tenant's Rights in the ACT

DID YOU KNOW THAT -

- a landlord can ONLY raise rent after 90 days written notice.
- there are restrictions on HOW OFTEN a landlord may raise the rent.
- if you do not want to be evicted a landlord can only evict you by going to court and obtaining a court order
- you CANNOT be liable for the landlord's costs if you fight an eviction in court.
- your tenancy DOES NOT automatically end after the written lease period has expired.
- you CANNOT usually be evicted, at the whim of your landlord. Even after your lease runs out you can only be evicted for limited reasons.
- even if the landlord has a legal reason for evicting you, the court may have to look at any hardship caused to you by the proposed eviction and how easily you can get alternative accommodation.
- it is illegal for a landlord or agent to refuse to let a house because a tenant has a child. It is illegal to ask whether a prospective tenant has children if the aim of the question is to determine whether or not the premises will be let.
- bond money can ONLY be deducted for unpaid rent or certain repairs.
- you have a RIGHT to privacy and quiet enjoyment of your premises.
- any lease provision which is in contravention of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance is invalid and unenforceable - landlords cannot avoid the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance.

If you want to know more about your rights, or if you are having problems with a landlord, contact -

WELFARE RIGHTS CENTRE
(Social Security; Tenancy; Consumer Credit)

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STANDING AT THE BRINK

On a number of occasions since August 1945, after Hiroshima and Nagasaki were bombed, the US has stood on the brink of nuclear war.

In June 1948, Harry Truman deployed "atomic capable" B29s to bases in Britain and Germany at the outset of the Berlin Blockade. By the end of 1948, the US had effectively broken the blockade by the Soviets.

Late in 1940, Truman warned that nuclear weapons might be used against the Chinese who surrounded US troops at the Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War. The marines got out without the use of such force.

In 1953, Dwight Eisenhower, forced a settlement to the Korean War by threatening China secretly, with the bomb.

In 1954, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles twice offered French Prime Minister Bidault the use of American atomic weapons in the French-Indo-China conflict - first, to bomb Chinese supply lines inside China; second, to relieve French forces at Dien Bien Phu. France declined.

In 1958, Eisenhower directed the Joint Chiefs to prepare to use nuclear weapons against China if it should invade the island of Quemoy.

In 1961, the Berlin Crisis broke out. The Berlin Wall was erected, and the US threatened first use of atomic bombs if the East Germans prevented refugees from crossing to the West.

In 1962, John Kennedy threatened to invade Cuba and use nuclear weapons if Soviet offensive missiles, moved into that country after the US Bay of Pigs invasion, were not removed.

In 1968, the US considered using nuclear weapons to save marines surrounded at Khe Sanh, Vietnam.

On November 1, 1969, Richard Nixon sent an ultimatum to the North Vietnamese that the US would use nuclear weapons if they did not settle the war. Nixon told Haldeman: "I call it the Madman Theory, Bob. I want the North Vietnamese to believe I've reached the point where I might do anything to stop the war."

In 1980, the Carter administration issued a secret Pentagon study that concluded, "To prevail in an Iranian scenario, we might have to threaten or make use of tactical nuclear weapons." This Middle East doctrine is still US policy, reaffirmed by Reagan in 1981. - A.A.

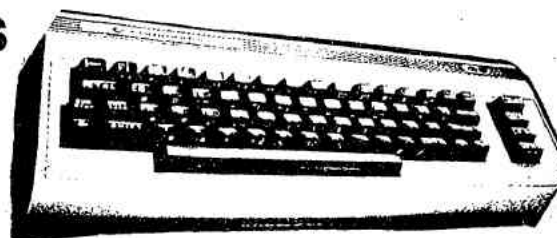
National Times 5-11 Sept. 1982.

Computer Books

Inside Your Computer
Ian Sinclair
Granada Publishing

Reviewer: David Jenkins

This book explains and de-mystifies the workings of the computer. It explains how the computer does things from addition to zero page addressing. The book is ideal for beginners, explaining the electronic circuits and bits about programming. The electronics explanation is by no means an reference before you explore your computer's innards however, much of the information is invaluable if you are going to delve into your computer. Even if like me you are not going to open up your computer it is of great importance to have the knowledge given to you by this book. The Programming part of this book is definitely for beginners and not for the experienced. It gives a platform for the beginner to ascend to bigger and better things and nothing more. Since it is not for any particular computer, it is not always relevant to all types of computers. As I said earlier it is for the beginner, providing great amounts of information but limited help to the more experienced.



Software 64
Owen Bishop
Granada Publishing

Reviewer: D. Jenkins

Software 64 is a book for people who want some practical programs for their Commodore 64 cheaply. However what you save in money is not necessarily worth what you lose in time, effort and frustration. In other words you pay less for the programs but spend hours typing it up and then spend even longer finding out what mistakes you made. Also many of the programs are made using English currency and in one program English soccer teams. These problems can be overcome and once you get the program in working order it will be very useful (if you need to use the program). The book does not at any time explain the commands used. It explains how to use the program but this is not of much use to the beginner. I managed to get the first program "accountant" working after many bouts of slaving over the computer and I'm sure one day I will use it.

WHATS ON AT THE CAREERS AND APPOINTMENTS OFFICE

A happy Stomate



by J.J. LLOYD

Keep these events in mind: some of them may interest YOU

Every THURSDAY lunchtime during semester (12-1 or 1-2)

- videotapes showing on job applications and interview techniques followed by discussion. Use this opportunity to find out how employers assess graduates when they apply for work. This will increase your confidence as well as your competence.

May 7 and 17 (during vacation)

- two full day workshops teaching you the finer points of applications and interviews. A chance to practise answers to those difficult questions, (e.g. "What can you contribute to the position?" "What are your strengths and weaknesses?") in a small group with other students facing the same problems. Sign up in advance for one of these.

May 28

- Seminar topic: *Careers in the Media*

May 30

- Seminar topic: *Careers in Teaching and Education*

Come and listen to speakers from these occupations and find out more about the work and training for them.

May 22-24 Accountants Please Note:

- Eight chartered accounting firms and two public service departments will be on campus at the CAS to talk to FINAL YEAR accounting students who think they may like to work next year with one of these organisations. One firm is also interested in students with majors in computing science and economics, not necessarily with accounting. Sign up as soon as possible.

All these are at the CAS. Call in to the Chancery Annex or phone 49 3593.

WORK EXPERIENCE. . . and how to make the most of it.

Employers love experience. Most of you have worked at some stage before you finish your degrees. (If you haven't, get busy and obtain a casual job soon.) You probably work because you need the money. But when you're applying as a graduate, the experience can help - even if it doesn't seem "relevant".

To give you a simple example, as a shop assistant, you gain experience in: handling staff, customer relations, teamwork, handling cash and credit systems, selling, working under pressure, accepting instructions, oral communication. If you analyse your work experience you can begin to see its 'relevance' to employers. Don't forget to tell them about it.

ASSERTION WORKSHOPS 1984

Assertion training aims to overcome difficulties in clearly and directly expressing your views or your wishes, without infringing the rights and freedoms of others. Adding to your assertive options can greatly assist self-confidence in professional and academic settings, as well as in personal and domestic relationships.

A two-day assertion workshop will be run by Leila Bailey and Geoff Mortimore in the Counselling Centre on May 17 and 18, from 9.30 to 4.30 each day.

Staff and students are welcome to participate. Registration fee is \$2.00. Applications can be made by ringing Jill Hardy on 2442, or by visiting the Counselling Centre, where further information is available.

IT'S OFFICIAL!

On the night of Wednesday the 10th of March, it came to be that the ANU set a world precedent by being the first campus on earth to have been successfully declared gravity-free. The unlikely scene for this progressiveness was a standard, lead-weighted, mega-dull S.A. meeting enlightened by the motion that "The ANU campus be declared a Gravity-Free Zone".

Most of the glum ideologists there took this light-hearted levity as it should have been and proceeded to have fun. Nonetheless, several of those present adopted undertaker pose number 1 and sat growling at all 'n' sundry or went scuttling away in search of a good shot of High-powered, No-Nonsense: Deadly Earnest Ideology, screaming "What about my respectability?" and tearing their hair out as they went. Despite these evil Newtonian Sympathisers, the motion was carried.

What does this mean for you? Well, you are no longer legally bound to stay on the ground. Exercise your right of bouyancy! Try floating a few inches above the ground — not too much at first or you might hurt yourself. We have noticed that certain evil people have been spreading unfounded rumours that floating about is carcinogenic and/or will make your ears drop off. Make no mistake. THIS IS SILLY. Ignore them completely.

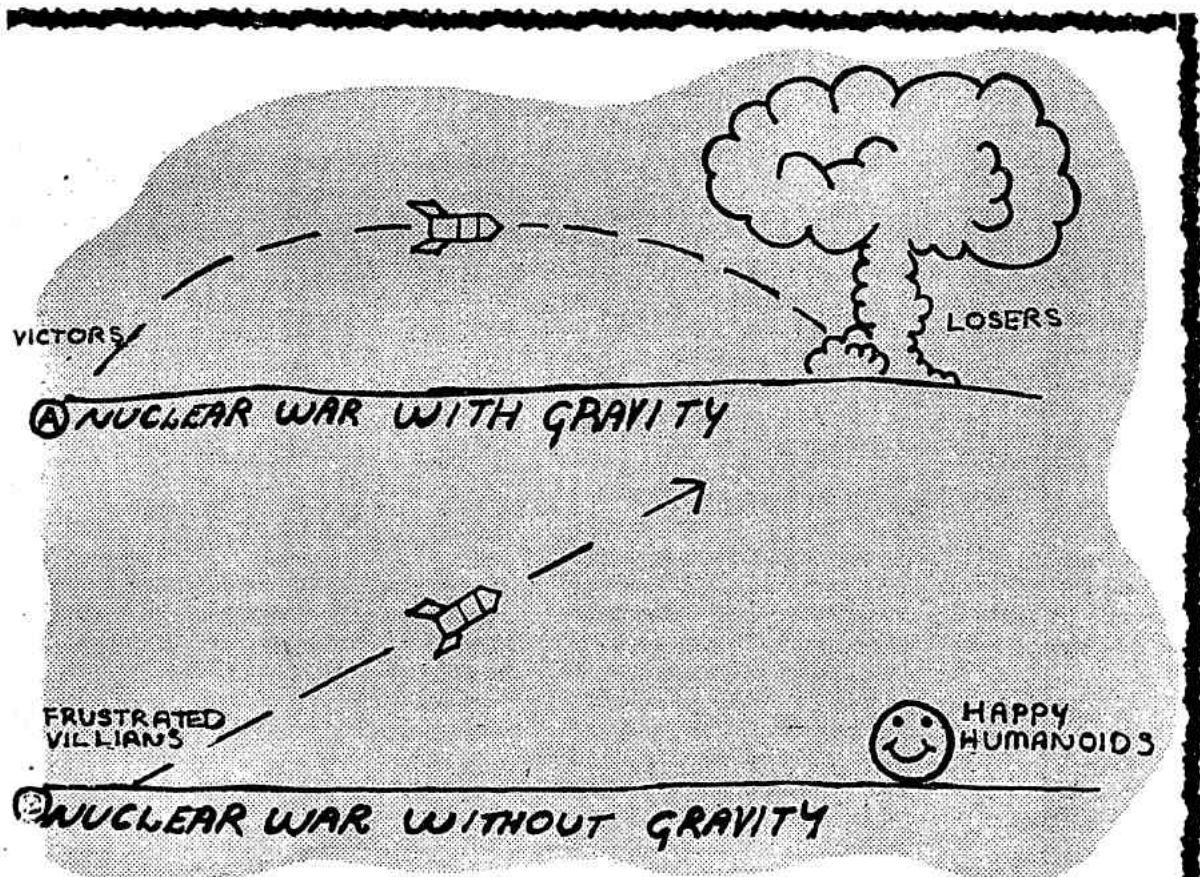
Now in your gravity-free environment, it is possible to waft at will, hither and thither, regardless of local geological conditions (e.g. mountains or very deep holes). Get the Laws of Gravity around the throat and THROTTLE THE LIFE OUT OF THEM!

Douglas Adams had this to say about flying: "The knack lies in learning how to throw yourself at the ground and missing." Most people, however, due to peer pressure, feel too shy to fly. This leads to earth-boundness, restrictions on movements and personal insecurity, which in turn leads to the ultimate bumper phrase "I can't do it!". Saying that necessarily means you can't. Believe you can and the heavens are yours!

It is vitally important not to believe people who say "Good God, you can't possibly be flying" or they will suddenly be right.

So! Don't listen to heretics and go and enjoy yourself. However, there are a few minor points that should be taken into consideration to maximise your comfort and flying pleasure whilst at the ANU.

1. DO NOT try to float beyond the boundaries of the ANU. It is still illegal in the Real World, and doing so will result in acute embarrassment and/or being shot down with ground-to-air missiles. Both are thoroughly inconvenient.
2. DO NOT BUMP INTO THINGS This is not illegal, only very, very stupid.
3. STOP BEING SO SERIOUS How can you fly if you don't have levity in your soul?.
4. DO NOT get cocky until you have a good reason to do so. If you MUST be a smart-ass, make sure you're infallible first.



PEACE RALLY

It was a cloudy, calm, Palm Sunday that the meteorologists thrust upon the Canberra Peace Rally for 1984. That's enough banal comment about the weather. The Rally:

There were oodles of people there, all with a common interest — they did not want to be blown into itty-bitty pieces (That is, apart from a Lunatic Fringe that was flaunting a poster with exactly those xenophobic qualities that make the arms race possible. "We didn't disarm before Hitler, why before Russia?") These people were roundly sounded out and skulked off in well deserved shame. They then stuffed leaflets with words to the effect that peace, love and life itself were all commie plots and should be stopped, under the windshield wipers of cars in a desperate quest to find something that wouldn't yell at them.

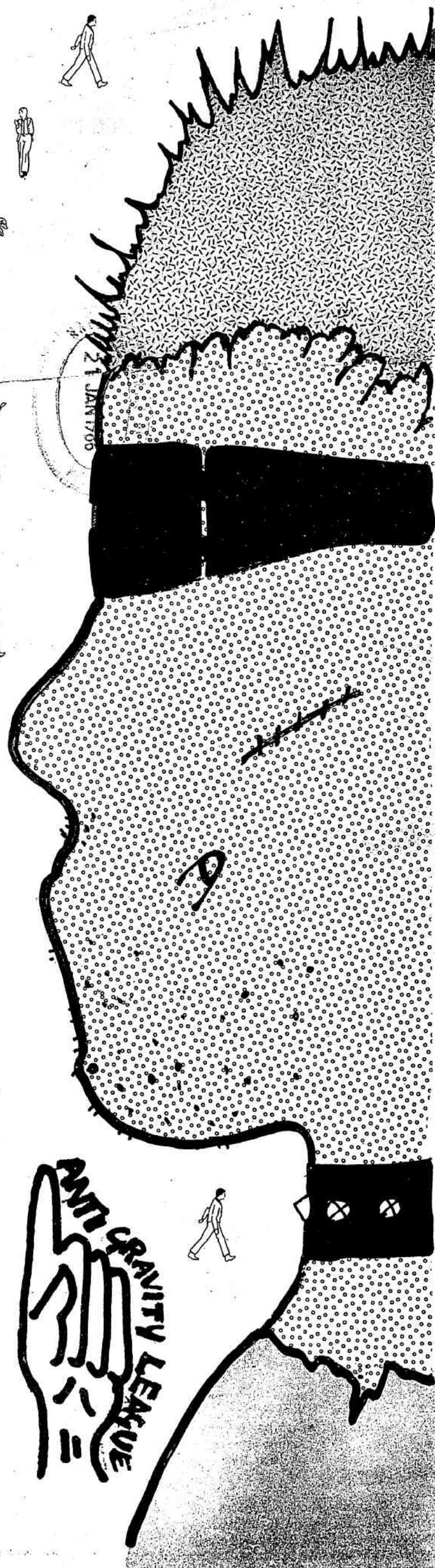
We were wondering why it was that

these destructive paranoids were given almost as much attention in the popular press as the rest of the entire rally. (just thought we'd ask. . .)

The only trouble with the rally (and a minor one at that) was that most people seem to have been smitten by laryngitis. Whatever happened to chanting and spontaneous dancing and getting arrested? So much for the 1960s. Still, it is a good sign (no sarcasm intended) that so many people sacrificed a few hours to let the leaders of this country know that they're still interested in staying in one piece.

The AGL tried to set a good example and showed up en masse. Despite the protestations of certain people to the contrary we do actually give a damn. We'll see you at next year's rally, WONT WE.

(that is, if we're still not radioactive ash)



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